

## MPs certain Thatcher will pick June 11

### Announcement over date is expected on Monday

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Commons was close to a state of pre-election hysteria yesterday as a combination of good economic news for the Government and a new poll giving the Tories a 14 per cent lead confirmed the belief of virtually all MPs that Mrs Margaret Thatcher will decide at the weekend to go to the country on June 11.

The Prime Minister is to hold an election summit at Chequers on Sunday with Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, Mr John Wakeham, the Chief Whip, Lord Whitelaw, the deputy prime minister, Lord Young of Graffham and other trusted advisers to study the results of tomorrow's local elections.

She is expected to announce the election on Monday. Parliament would be dissolved next Thursday or Friday after clearing up outstanding business, and a four-week campaign would ensue.

With sterling soaring against the dollar and Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves shooting up by three billion dollars, the second biggest rise ever, MPs returned to Westminster after their short Bank holiday break and indulged in shameless bouts of electioneering.

The white paper is expected to disclose that since the Government came to power expenditure on conventional forces has totalled some £19 billion more in real terms than would have been the case if expenditure had remained at its 1978-79 level.

Yesterday's Harris poll for TV-am suggested that the Conservatives may be on course for another landslide victory, and that they will run ahead of Labour in the local elections.

## Reprieve for small schools

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday announced a limited reprieve for small rural schools.

He said a proposal published by his department in a draft circular last August saying that primary schools with fewer than three teachers should be closed was "far too prescriptive".

It had gone further than he intended and would be withdrawn.

But Mr Baker emphasized that he could not guarantee that village schools would never be closed. He said their fate would continue to be for each local education authority.

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The Prime Minister's regular question time session was dominated by often rowdy exchanges about the local elections or the forthcoming general election with the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, frequently calling MPs to order, and at one stage appealing for "less euphoria and more listening".

Afterwards senior Conservative MPs were voicing the view that Mrs Thatcher should end the uncertainty quickly as possible by studying tomorrow's results and then going to see the Queen on Monday to inform her of the election date.

Meanwhile Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader and shadow Chancellor, repeated his party's claim that the re-election of Mrs Thatcher would mean massive increases in VAT, a punitive poll tax, cuts in the health service and the

The survey put the Conservatives on 44 per cent, Labour on 30 per cent and the Alliance on 25 per cent.

But the most heartening news for Mrs Thatcher was that 76 per cent of those questioned expected the Tories to win a third term.

The poll was very much in line with the MORI survey in the *Sunday Times* at the weekend giving the Conservatives a 13 per cent lead over Labour.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday chaired a meeting of her "A team" of senior ministers at Downing Street to discuss election strategy.

Proceedings in the Commons showed that most MPs now regard that to be a foregone conclusion.



The Prince of Wales allowing his mask to slip yesterday as he toured a new Plessey microchip factory in Plymouth, which he described as being like a Victorian prison.

## Prince in Plessey's 'prison'

By Robin Young

The Prince of Wales opened Britain's most advanced microchip factory yesterday - and compared it to a "Victorian prison".

The Prince was in Plymouth to open Plessey's new £52 million plant at Roborough, close to Dartmouth.

He said he had heard the factory's main hall referred to as an "industrial cathedral".

But to cheers from several of the company's 350 workforce, and the embarrassment of senior management, the Prince declared: "To me it's more like a hi-tech version of a Victorian prison".

The Prince went on to say: "I only hope the trees around the outside grow quickly enough to hide it from the moon".

Inside, the building has a science fiction, squeaky-clean atmosphere.

It is, the company says, 10,000 times cleaner than the average operating theatre. The workforce go about the special "clean rooms" kitted out like neurosurgeons.

The Prince wore plastic overalls but, though he was reported on Monday to be suffering from a cold, he was the only one of the official party who allowed his face mask to leave his nose uncovered.

Mr Stuart McIntosh, the plant's business manager, said: "It is one of the most advanced microchip factories in the world."

## Thousands stay at home in protest at Pretoria elections

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least half a million South African blacks stayed away from work yesterday in protest at today's whites-only general election.

The "stay-away" was expected to continue today in response to a call by the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the biggest black labour federation, and the multi-racial but mainly black United Democratic Front anti-apartheid organization.

Two bombs exploded outside Johannesburg's Civic Centre early yesterday morning, blowing away a truck and a car.

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landmine on a road close to the Zimbabwe border, killing the black driver and injuring 10 other blacks, all roadworkers who had been travelling in the vehicle.

The Government's Information Bureau also reported widespread arson and stone-throwing in black townships near Durban, in Natal, and said three people were wounded and five arrested as police used tear gas and birdshot to disperse crowds.

Meanwhile, the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, announced that its campus would be closed today "in silent and solemn protest" at the "violation of its integrity" last week by police who broke up a peaceful campus demonstration against the elections.

The "stay-away" was most effective in the Eastern Cape around Port Elizabeth, where it was reported to be almost 100 per cent among black Africans, and 35 per cent among mixed-race coloureds. In Durban it was reckoned to be 60 per cent effective.

In the heavily industrialized Johannesburg and Pretoria region, it was estimated that 45 per cent of workers in the manufacturing and transport industries and 75 per cent in the retail trade had supported the "stay-away". Cape Town was largely unaffected, and reports from the Orange Free State were sketchy. The mines appear to have operated normally.

Anonymous pamphlets distributed in Soweto yesterday called for the closing of schools and shebeens and for no one to shop in Johannesburg or to go to work yesterday or today.

At railway stations in Soweto white soldiers offered a mimeographed message from President Botha to black commuters seeking their operation and explaining that he needed strong white support to push forward his reforms.

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## Challenge to Reagan over 'sordid story'

Washington (AP) - Congress began its long-awaited hearings into the Iran-Contra affair yesterday and a key senator bluntly challenged White House claims that President Reagan was unaware that aides were soliciting funds for the Nicaraguan rebels at a time when government aid was banned.

"None of the participants emerge as unblemished," Senator Daniel Inouye, Democratic chairman of a special Senate investigating committee, said as he opened the most publicized congressional investigation since Watergate.

As the hearings proceed, "the American people will have every right to demand that this will never happen again," he said. The hearings into the sales of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to the Contras were expected to last until the end of August.

"The story is one of covert foreign policy," Mr Inouye said. "The story is both sad and sordid." He criticized Mr Reagan for failing to consult Congress on the operations. "The President may be a senior partner on foreign policy," he said, "but he's not sole proprietor."

Hours before, Mr Inouye told an interviewer he thought Mr Reagan "should check that statement" that he was unaware of the operations to fund the Contras. "I think he should look over the facts."

The Senator's comments underlined the political risk to Mr Reagan in the hearings.

"We're here to investigate and to inform; not to prosecute. We will follow the facts where they lead," said Mr Lee Hamilton, Democratic chairman of the House panel that was holding the hearings jointly with the Senate committee.

mittee. "We seek to restore established constitutional means of doing the nation's business."

In keeping with congressional customs, the first portion of the opening session was set aside for 26 members of the Senate and House committees to speak. The first witness was not due to appear until after lunch.

Mr Richard Cheney, the senior Republican on the House panel, told the opening session: "These won't be easy hearings to watch in the West Wing" (of the White House, which houses the Oval Office). But he and others praised Mr Reagan for co-operating with investigators.

Asked about Mr Inouye's remarks, Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, did not respond directly. "I thought Inouye was very constructive," he said. "I have great respect for the Senator."

He added: "I don't think there's any danger" to Mr Reagan from the hearings. "We wish the committee good luck. I'm looking forward to productive hearings."

In their speeches the committee members had sharp words for what they had uncovered so far in their investigation of the Administration's secret arms sales and the subsequent diversion of profits.

Senator Warren Rudman was the first Republican to speak. "Of course, we will examine the role of the president and various executive branch officials," he said. "The story that will be told is a sad one. There will be evidence of illegal behavior and contempt for our democratic form of government. There will be stories of greed and incompetence."

## Parents on trial for girl's murder

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A girl aged four was starved, tortured and battered to death, despite attempts by social workers to monitor the child's condition, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The girl's mother and stepfather are now facing trial for her murder.

The girl, called Kimberley, led a happy and healthy life living with foster parents, the court was told, but suffered the most appalling cruelty after she was returned to her mother and stepfather in 1985, eight months before she died last summer.

At the opening of the Crown case, Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, warned the jury to brace themselves for distressing evidence.

He told the court that when doctors examined the body of the girl she was reduced to skin and bone and weighed 24 lb, half the normal weight for her age.

Her body was covered in bruises and there were cigarette burns running down half her spine.

The child's mother, Pamline Cantile, aged 28, and Nigel Hall, aged 25, the man with whom she lived, pleaded not guilty to murder, causing grievous bodily harm, assault and child cruelty.

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### Ladbroke's shares fall

Shares of Ladbroke, the betting, property and leisure group, fell 37p to 402p yesterday, wiping about £13 million from the company's market value of £1.54 billion. Selling began in earnest with speculation that Ladbroke had been badly affected by a betting coup. Market report, page 24

### Nato warning

The "denuclearization" of Europe as envisaged by the Soviet Double Zero offer would be "absolutely fatal", Lord Carrington, Secretary-General of Nato, has told *The Times* in an interview on the eve of a crucial West German Cabinet meeting on arms control. Page 9

### Portfolio Gold

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £8,000 - double the usual amount - was won yesterday by Mr F.C. Nicholson of south-west London. Details, page 3. ● Portfolio list, page 27.

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## Hart admits to an error of judgement

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

An angry Mr Gary Hart, whose presidential campaign is reeling from stories of his supposed womanizing, denied adamantly yesterday that he had "done anything immoral". He did, however, admit to an error of judgement in putting himself in a situation that could be misconstrued. "I have to raise my own personal standards even higher," he said, insisting that he would not give up his fight for the presidency.

Miss Donna Rice, a stunning model and actress who once posed topless, flatly denied having sex with Mr Hart, the Democratic frontrunner for the presidential nomination. She said she was more attracted to younger men.

Mr Hart's wife, Lee, yesterday cancelled plans to appear with him during a New York engagement. She remained at the couple's remote cottage in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies, suffering from sinus trouble, his campaign managers said.

Miss Rice, aged 29, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, has had small parts in television shows like *Miami Vice* and *Dallas*. She met Mr Hart last year at a New Year's Eve party in Aspen, Colorado, and again in Florida in March, according to the Hart campaign.

A passenger who flew with her from Miami to Washington was quoted yesterday as saying she was carrying a book written by Mr Hart and inscribed: "This is in lieu of flowers until we meet. Love, Gary."

The passenger quoted Miss Rice as saying she had been invited to holiday with Mr Hart on St Barthélemy's Island, a small resort in the eastern Caribbean, but at the last minute had instead been invited to Washington.

The Hart campaign is focusing its counter-attack against the "Rice affair" on the question of journalistic ethics. A team of reporters from the *Miami Herald* staked out Mr Hart's Washington townhouse last weekend and alleged in its Sunday issue that Miss Rice stayed the night.

The main point of contention is whether the reporters missed her departure on Friday evening. The Hart camp says she left by the back door at a time that the newspaper acknowledged only the front door was being watched.

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## Pressure mounts for base rate cut

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Pressure on the Bank of England to bring about a base rate cut intensified yesterday as the pound soared against the dollar and money market interest rates dropped sharply.

Sentiment was helped by the announcement that Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose by \$2.9 billion (£1.75 billion) last month, to a record \$29.8 billion (£17.95 billion), as the Bank of England sold sterling to hold down its value.

The pound rose by nearly 2 cents to \$1.6875, its best level for almost five years. The sterling index rose 0.2 to 73.5.

Dealers believe the next cut in base rates is imminent after a sharp fall in money market interest rates yesterday. The

## Inquiry tests ferry sinking

An unknown man in an orange boilersuit, seen walking along the lower cargo deck of the *Herald of Free Enterprise*, was left to close the bow doors on the evening of the tragedy, the London inquiry into the disaster heard yesterday.

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## Maxwell issues an Aids appeal fund challenge

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Mr Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher, launched a £50 million appeal to help Aids sufferers yesterday, and immediately challenged the Government to put more money into the campaign.

Mr Maxwell has been appointed chairman of the fund-raising arm of the National Aids Trust, a new, independent charity which will co-ordinate the efforts of voluntary organizations to provide community care and information to victims of the disease.

It will also try to win public support for Aids work, including research. Mr Maxwell, whose chief task will be to devise ways of raising the money,

said: "This is a national emergency, but it can be tackled without panic."

"Our target is £50 million, a large but not unreasonable sum, and I am confident that we will raise it. We should go for doubling the amount raised by the sale of the Duchess of Windsor's jewels, the proceeds of which went towards Aids research at the Pasteur Institute in Paris."

Mr Maxwell would not specify how the money would be raised, or on what it would be spent. However, millions are expected to be sought from industry and business, and there may be events such as fund-raising pop concerts.

Much of the money could go towards funding hospices and other residential accommodation for Aids

sufferers, similar to those in San Francisco visited by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, last January.

Within minutes of being introduced by Mr Fowler at a news conference to launch the Trust, Mr Maxwell said he would put £1 million into the appeal if Mr Fowler would match it on behalf of the Government.

Mr Fowler told the conference at Lancaster House, London, that the Government was supporting the Trust with £500,000. Mr Maxwell, sitting next to him, said: "I was hoping you were going to announce £1 million, and I was going to double it. Will you match it?"

Somewhat embarrassed, Mr Fowler said he would "look very carefully" at

by how much the Government could improve its contribution. Last night it seemed likely that the Government would double its financial input.

Mr Fowler is expected to announce at a World Health Organization meeting in Geneva today that Britain will host an international conference next year on Aids and public health education.

Employers have an important role to play in Aids education, and should not assume it is solely the province of the Government and health education authorities, Dr David Ashton, medical director of American Medical International Health Care, told the West Midlands Confederation of British Industry at a seminar at Sutton Coldfield yesterday.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Ford crackdown on timekeeping

More than 10,000 hourly paid workers at Ford in Dagenham have been told absenteeism and short time working is undermining colleagues' work.

The warning, from three senior managers, has cut the numbers seeking to leave the plant early without detection. Employees have been reminded that to clock off for a colleague is an offence that could lead to dismissal.

Ford emphasized the warning was aimed at only a few. "Our absenteeism level is about 6 per cent."

## £2m for museum

The Government is to make a capital endowment of about £2 million to the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust in Shropshire, it was announced yesterday.

The trust was established, under the auspices of Telford New Town Corporation, to restore and maintain the historic buildings in an area generally acknowledged to be the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution.

It will enable the trust to secure funding after the corporation is wound up in 1991.

## Golden gesture

A gold ring owned by Elizabeth Taylor, the actress, is to be sold at auction in London to help victims of Aids.

The ring, marked by an initial E set in diamonds, was given by the actress after a telephone call for help from Mrs Margaret Lippman, founder of Aids Crisis Trust, a new charity.

The ring will be auctioned at Christie's on June 1.

## Hidden reserves

At least £2 billion in cash is hidden under Britain's mattresses, according to a financial survey.

In a Gallup poll of more than 1,800 adults, one in six admitted to knowing personally someone who keeps at least £500 in cash in a secret place.

The survey also discovered that Barclays and NatWest banks appeal to men while Lloyds and the Midland have more women customers than men.

## Incitement charge

A detective stationed at Colchester, Essex, ordered a burglar to burn down a toy shop because he was annoyed that the owner had been acquitted of dishonesty charges, Ipswich Crown Court, Suffolk, was told yesterday.

Detective Constable David Graham, aged 28, who denies the charge, is accused of inciting Graham Mann to burn the shop and also faces other charges. The case continues.

## Black out in Ireland

Factories, shops and offices in Ireland were forced to close yesterday because of power cuts caused by a strike by electricity supply workers.

The electricity board estimated that up to two thirds of the country's consumers were without power last night.

The stoppage is over a dispute on pay and is scheduled to go on for three days. The government has offered a 3 per cent increase.



## Robbery death

A widow aged 87 died of a heart attack as her home in Chichester was being burgled, Sussex police said yesterday.

Mrs Rosa Hicks was found in a bedroom. Her home had been ransacked after someone forced a ground floor window.

The police said: "The assumption is the burglars disturbed her or she died of a heart attack". There were no signs of injury on her body.

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## COMMENTARY

For months we have all been waiting impatiently for tomorrow's local district elections to determine the date of the General Election. Mrs Margaret Thatcher would wait, so it was assumed, until her closest advisers had communed with the Central Office computer before deciding.

But circumstances have changed. Tomorrow's results will still be awaited eagerly, but now they would have to be very bad for the Conservatives to prevent a June election. If Mrs Thatcher were to hold back at this stage she would be tainted by her opponents and blamed by her supporters.

So the date of the General Election has been essentially determined in advance of the local elections by the sense of expectation which the Government has allowed to build up. Unless tomorrow's results are devastating for the Conservatives their significance now lies elsewhere.

They will decide not the date of the election, but the atmosphere in which the campaign begins. What local results, then, would best suit the interests of the different parties?

The answer is obvious for Labour and the Alliance. They both need to appear to do as well as they possibly can. The impression is the first reality in these elections.

For Labour it is critical to throw off the aura of inevitable defeat. If a major party goes into an election thinking it is bound to lose, many of its members are playing not to win but to place themselves advantageously for the internal battles that will come later. Even worse, its marginal supporters may decide that there would not be much point in voting for it.

For the Alliance, as for any third force under the British electoral system, the first battle has to be for credibility. Many people will not vote for it unless they think that a good many other people are going to do so.

Ideally, it would suit the Alliance best to do well at the expense of Labour. The more another Conservative victory is taken for granted the easier it should be to persuade doubtful Labour supporters that they might as well defect, and doubtful Conservatives that they could do so without letting Labour in.

This possibility presents a dilemma for the Conservatives. They will obviously be looking for reassurance that most of the opinion polls have got it right in putting them so far ahead.

But they should not want to look as if they have done so well as to encourage complacency and defections on what might be termed the Pym principle: That landslide victories do not lead to good government. The warning from Mrs Thatcher's former foreign secretary was so dangerous for the Conservatives last time because so many people believed it.

The best outcome for the Conservatives tomorrow would be along the lines of the MORI poll published in *The Times* on Monday. This suggested that quite a number of their supporters will not bother to vote, and it also put the Alliance significantly behind Labour.

Nothing could be better for the Conservatives than local elections which understated their true strength, especially if the Alliance was not the main beneficiary. That would apply a corrective to Conservative euphoria.

One of the reasons why this has never caught on in previous general elections is that there has often not been enough information in particular consequences to know how to do so sensibly. This time I suspect there will be no shortage of instruction, most of it partisan, for the aspiring tactical voter.

By Jill Sherman  
Social Services  
Correspondent

Universities have threatened to break the pay link between medical academic staff and hospital doctors, because they cannot afford new, higher salaries.

The British Medical Association has been outraged by the move and claims that it will

jeopardise all future medical and dental research.

The policy body of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) has said that they cannot continue to pay their 3,500 clinical teachers the same as hospital doctors unless the Government provides extra funding.

The committee argues that

although the National Health Service has been reimbursed for most of the pay rises awarded to doctors by the doctors' and dentists' pay review body, universities have not. In addition the annual award is built into NHS allocations the following year but not University Grants Committee (UGC) allocations.

In the current financial year the CVCP has had to pick up the full cost of last year's award before any account is taken of the 1987/88 pay rise.

The vice-chancellors committee said: "The result is that we now have a rolling deficit of 5.8 per cent, or £4.2m."

"The Government has awarded an 8.25 per cent award to hospital doctors but we

cannot afford to pay the same to our clinical staff."

Universities had only been given a 5 per cent grant to cover all their costs and this had already been severely eroded by the 5.8 per cent deficit, said the spokesman. Clinical staff would not get the pay rises recently negotiated for university staff.

Last night the British Medi-

cal Association condemned the decision and claimed that it would jeopardise all future medical and dental research.

The University of Hull took the first steps yesterday towards reshaping the university to meet financial restrictions.

Yesterday's university council meeting was told that 48 academic posts had gone.

## Baker urges industry to support the GCSE exam

By John Clare Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday launched a nationwide campaign to persuade sceptical employers that the new school-leaving qualification, the GCSE, is "no con-trick".

He told a conference of employers at Guildford, Surrey, that he sympathized with their doubts about educational panaceas.

But he insisted that the GCSE had been carefully thought out and that the Government was committed to its success.

Mr Baker admitted that GCSE had experienced "some teething troubles" but he accused the teaching unions of exaggerating the difficulties and damaging the new examination in the process.

He also acknowledged that because the GCSE required "very substantial changes in teaching and learning styles" it would take some years for its full benefits to be realized.

He said employers were most concerned that the extensive use of coursework assessment in GCSE, at the expense of written examinations, would undermine standards.

"I do not think so", Mr Baker said. "Teachers are professionals with professional standards and I would not expect any conscious bias in the assessment of coursework."

However, to guard against any such bias, standards would be monitored by outside experts.

Mr Baker said that only a very few GCSE syllabuses eliminated examinations entirely.

"Industry and commerce want the GCSE; they have told the Government that. So now you have got it, please support it and use it."

● The Government is considering plans to involve the

Confederation of British Industry in choosing the next generation of schools inspectors to weed out "1960s liberalism" from the ranks of Her Majesty's Inspectorate.

The next Conservative Government will bring in "outsiders", including senior industrialists, to the panel which selects new inspectors in order to weaken the influence of ex-teachers on the 200 reports the inspectorate produces every year.

Ministers at the Department of Education and Science have become increasingly concerned that the inspectorate, which is a self-appointing body of 600 ex-teachers, is too soft on poor teachers and concentrates too much on extolling progressive educational methods at the expense of the "Three Rs".

A number of the Government's new initiatives, such as the devolution of financial management to head teachers and the setting up of 20 industry-financed city technology colleges, imply the need to nearly double the inspectorate.

● Trade union leaders will clash with Mr Baker today over the Government's proposal for a national curriculum in schools.

Mr Baker is to present his plans during a debate at the National Economic Development Council.

But, with the teacher's dispute in the background, Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, and union leaders are certain to attack what they see as a dangerous diminution of the powers of local authorities and teachers.

● Mr Baker has disclosed that he had been considering a proposal made in *The Times* yesterday that the Government should consider turning teachers in state schools into Civil Servants by taking over their employment from local education authorities.



The main hall at Plessey Semiconductors new micro-chip plant at Rotherham, near Plymouth, described by Prince Charles as, "a hi-tech version of a Victorian prison".

## Civil Service pay dispute

## Claimants fear poverty as strikers halt Giro payouts

Thousands of striking Civil Servants closed social security offices in London and the South-East yesterday and members of another union refused to write out emergency giro cheques.

The two unions involved in the dispute, the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants, asked members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association to ignore DHSS orders to write out the emergency cheques.

The unions want councils to provide emergency cash payments and food parcels, but many councils have yet to decide what action to take.

Claimants' groups supporting the strike have sent out

leaflets advising those dependent on benefit money on the demand a week's money on the spot.

"Councils must pay out claimants immediately or thousands of people could become destitute during the strike," said a spokesman for one claimants group.

Many claimants outside closed DHSS offices in London remained bewildered and confused yesterday. Many were sympathetic towards the unions' claim for a 15 per cent pay rise but there was disappointment at the lack of emergency facilities.

The VAT computer centre at Southend was closed after a hundred Civil Servants walked out in support of the pay campaign.

Part of the National and Immigration Centre at Croydon in Surrey was also shut.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, has appealed to the Civil Service unions not to force closure of the Reading Computer Centre, which processes giro cheques.

"Please do not let the unemployed and sick suffer from this action," he urged.

But the unions yesterday rejected his plea as "awe inspiring hypocrisy" and said the centre would close as planned next Thursday.

● Customs officers at Heathrow Airport plan a total walkout tomorrow and Friday and have warned that drug smugglers will have a field day.

## Ill-fated ups and downs of a romantic tycoon

Sir Hugh Fraser, who once headed House of Fraser, Britain's leading department store chain, died yesterday from lung cancer aged 50.

The flamboyant tycoon had been unwell for several months. He died at his mother's home in Mugdock, near Milngavie, Dunbartonshire.

Sir Hugh spent the last part of his life working in an attic office in a small Scottish town on his family's charitable concerns, a far cry from the panelled boardrooms of Harrods, which formed part of his stores empire.

When his father, Lord Fraser of Allander, died in 1966, Sir Hugh inherited an empire worth £75 million and became chairman of 48 companies. Initially, he made considerable progress.



Patricia, Sir Hugh's first wife.

But when Lord's chief, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, launched a £220 million takeover bid, a very public boardroom squabble developed between the two men. Ultimately, Sir Hugh was ousted.

Sir Hugh's forays into business, though at times inspired,



Aileen, former showjumper and second wife.

were dogged by bad luck. Gradually, he became known more for his indulgences than his business acumen.

The friend added: "He inherited his gambling and his smoking from his father."

Sir Hugh married Miss Patricia Bowie in 1962, and



Sir Hugh Fraser, who died yesterday at the age of 50 with Annabel Finlay, now Mrs Lever.

they had three daughters. The marriage was dissolved.

He married the showjumper, Miss Aileen Ross, in 1973 but they divorced in 1982. She was killed two years later.

In 1982 Sir Hugh found a new love in a former nursery

school teacher, Miss Annabel Finlay, now Mrs Lever, but he called the marriage off only days before the ceremony.

Last year Sir Hugh was reported to have proposed to a part-time model Miss Anne-Marie Coccozza, of Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

## Vote on prison peace offer

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Prison officers are expected to vote this week in favour of the most revolutionary change in working practices since the Second World War in a pay agreement costing an extra £24 million.

The ballot, which began yesterday and continues until tomorrow, is expected to improve the chances of peace in prisons, which have been threatened by inmate unrest and staff discontent.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, believes the changes

on offer will remove a main cause of friction. The vote will be influenced by a recommendation of acceptance by the national executive of the Prison Officers' Association.

Mr Hurd is seeking simplicity in working practices. In return, new recruits will earn up to £13,032 a year, with allowances, with the highest of the three uniformed ranks earning £18,765.

However, to earn that the officers would have to agree to work nine hours a week on top

of the basic 39 hours to replace the present haphazard system of overtime.

Under the new offer, more emphasis will be placed on teamwork, enabling closer and more sustained contact with prisoners. A more integrated management structure will replace the existing hierarchy.

The extra £24 million settlement is on top of the £280 million which the original offer would have added to the prison wages bill.

## Miners' rift widens as pay talks are stalled

By Tim Jones

The rift within the National Union of Mineworkers widened yesterday when Mr Des Dufield, president of the militant South Wales area, criticized Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, over his attitude towards pay negotiations with the Coal Board.

Negotiations between board officials and the union have come to a standstill because Mr Scargill and other union

leaders refuse to link wages with the disputes conciliation procedure.

Mr Dufield told delegates to his area conference yesterday that such a hard line stance could lead to the imposition of new pay rates.

Mr Dufield also attacked Mr Scargill's stance on new working arrangements for the proposed new £90 million pit at Margan near Port Talbot.

## Church survey finds faith 'lukewarm'

By Clifford Longley  
Religious Affairs  
Correspondent

The Church of Scotland emerges from a survey of typical members' attitudes as "elderly, lukewarm in its conviction, and uncommitted to its mission", according to a report to go before the General Assembly this month.

One of the authors, Dr James Matheson, said the findings may explain why "healthy young minds" were not drawn to church membership.

Answers to questions on the

church's evangelistic mission and its concern for the underprivileged were startling.

Church members emerged from comparison with Scottish Roman Catholics as mostly less committed to their faith.

Some 60 per cent of Catholics prayed daily, compared with 36 per cent of Church of Scotland members.

The survey also found traditional Christian doctrines were losing their hold with a quarter not sure that Jesus died for their sins or that He is risen from the dead. Only

about half declared belief in life after death.

Roman Catholics, more traditional in those areas, also gave higher priority to aid for the underprivileged and the need for the church to be involved in social and economic justice.

Among Church of Scotland members, concern over Third World unemployment or starvation does not appear to weigh heavily.

Members were mostly elderly and female, and those facts were more influential in dictating members' attitudes

than their denominational allegiance.

Males were rather more likely to have fallen away from church attendance.

Dr Matheson said about 6.2 per cent in the 16 to 24 age group described themselves as Church of Scotland members.

Dr Alex Robertson, of Edinburgh University, described as the report's primary author, said one reason for the decline of belief was the rise in the power and prestige of mainly scientific explanations of life, rather than those in terms of human spirituality, divine grace, and personal salvation.

## Three named in Yard report over Zircon

A Scotland Yard report on the Zircon spy satellite leak has named at least three current or former Civil Servants who could be possible targets for prosecution under sections of the Official Secrets Act.

The report, by a detective superintendent from the Yard's Special Branch, is being studied by staff in the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The police investigation began in January after the BBC cancelled screening of a film on the project.

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# Foster child 'went home to starvation, torture and death'

A girl aged four was starved, tortured and battered to death by her mother and stepfather after being returned to them from a happy life with foster parents, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Greenwich Council in south London should have ensured that checks were made after the child was returned to her mother, Pauline Carlie, aged 27, and stepfather, Nigel Hall, aged 24, Mr Roy Amlot, prosecuting, said.

"But unfortunately, over what was a critical period between April and mid-June last year, no one saw the child."

The council's social services department had been asked to monitor the family by concerned officials from another authority, the court was told.

Mr Amlot said the girl, Kim, had "suffered the most appalling cruelty and was finally murdered" eight months after being taken from foster parents.

Neighbours had on occasion heard her crying pitifully, Mr Amlot said.

The child died on June 8 last year after being either kicked or hit with force on the head. The cause of death was bleeding under the skull.

When doctors examined her they found that "she was in a dreadful condition. She was literally skin and bone. She had been starved and was dehydrated."

"Her weight was only 24 lbs. She should have been twice that weight for her age. She was covered in bruises of different ages," Mr Amlot said.

Her injuries included bruising to the head, face, stomach, back, buttocks, arms, legs and genitalia. There were scars

from cigarette burns running down her spine, on both sides of her pelvis and her back. She also had severe internal bruising, caused by blows, in her intestines and bowels.

Mrs Carlie and Mr Hall, a washing machine engineer, of Ferrier Estate, Kidbrooke, south-east London, both deny murder.

They also deny child cruelty, inflicting grievous bodily harm, wounding and assault, between October 1985 and June 1986.

Outlining the part played by Greenwich, he said: "However the evidence emerges in this case, it is important to say that it is these two defendants who are on trial, not Greenwich Social Services."

"They had received reports from the Wirral - where Carlie had lived - in October 1985, providing a background to the family and asking Greenwich to monitor them in future."

That month a letter went to the family offering assistance. They received an abusive and hostile reaction from Hall. So there was not much contact until getting into 1986.

Mr Amlot said a family friend, a Mrs Bacon, had telephoned Greenwich Social Services after seeing a bruise on Kim's face.

Mr Amlot said Greenwich had no record of Mrs Bacon's call, although the council had received a call from an elderly woman in March. As a result two social workers called at the home. They saw the eldest children but were told Kim was asleep and did not see her.

The whole family was called to a meeting with the case team manager, a Mr Ruddock, in his office on March 12, said

Mr Amlot. He reported that Kim seemed withdrawn, sad and still.

An agreement was reached that her behaviour needed specific help but a further meeting could not be arranged for another month.

On April 14 Mr Ruddock went to the family home. Mr Hall told him Kim was playing upstairs and would not allow him to see her, Mr Amlot said.

"Eventually Mr Ruddock was allowed to peep through a piece of glass."

There was no further meeting.

The court was told that Carlie had four children by two previous marriages. Hall was stepfather to them all.

The couple set up home together in September 1985. Until then Kim and the two eldest children had been fostered out by Wallasey Social Services. Kim was said by her foster parents to be "extremely happy, playful, healthy and popular with other children."

In October 1985 the defendants arranged for the children's return through social services. The court was told.

Mr Amlot said the child's last Christmas alive was spent locked in her room without any presents. Mrs Bacon had visited them and found Mrs Carlie's other three children with her and Mr Hall. When she asked where Kim was, Mr Hall "got nasty and made no excuse for her."

"One of the features of this case is that the other children were perfectly alright, happy and content, in contrast to the way Kim was treated," Mr Amlot said.

The case continues.



Mr Stere Fonyo, aged 21, who lost a leg as a result of cancer, arriving in Trafalgar Square yesterday after an 800-mile run from Scotland to London to raise funds for cancer research. Mr Fonyo, a Canadian, was joined by several compatriots for the last stretch to Canada House. His father, a cancer sufferer, died during the run (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

## Photofit a clue to schoolboy's killer

By Stewart Tendler  
Crime Reporter

Detectives seeking the murderer of Martin Butler, the schoolboy killed at a Buckinghamshire BMX track last weekend, issued a Photofit picture yesterday of a man seen loitering suspiciously in the area.

The Photofit, which was constructed with the help of two women who saw a man by the track, close to High Wycombe, last Saturday, may be the best clue the police have to the frenzied and seemingly motiveless killing, in which the boy, aged 12, was beaten or kicked about the head.

The picture was circulated widely in the High Wycombe area yesterday as the boy's parents urged the public to come forward and help with the investigation.



Mrs Carol Butler, the boy's mother, described Martin as an active, likeable child with a streak of independence.

Her husband, Mr Terence Butler, denied suggestions that his son might have been bullied at school and set upon. He said: "I continuously told

him about talking to strangers. I would not like to repeat what I would do to his killer if I got my hands on him."

He said that Martin had been approached last year on his way home from school by a man who tried to pull him into a car. The boy resisted, ran home and told his parents, who reported the incident to the police.

Det Supt Andrew Vallis, who is in charge of the investigation, said that the police would reopen their investigation of the incident.

Mr Vallis said that a post-mortem examination showed that the boy had died sometime on Saturday. He was last seen alive about 2pm.

However, it could not show whether he had been hit with a brick, stones, a hammer, or kicked. His fully-clothed body

was found partly buried. There was no evidence of sexual assault.

The police said that Martin was afraid of the dark and believed that he would have been on his way home before dusk. His body was found on Sunday near where he played, suggesting that he died before nightfall.

Mr Vallis said that Martin may have been the victim of a sex attack, which he resisted, or possibly an attack by a group of youths. However, the police were concentrating on the probability of a single attacker, who knew the area well as only a local man would have known the isolated place used as a shortcut and a play area by children.

The Photofit picture is of a man seen in the area by a woman walking her dog and by a second, elderly woman.

## Police believe widow knew her killer

By Alan Hamilton

Police investigating the murder of Mrs Cecily Landless, a partially blind widow aged 90, now believe that robbery may have been the motive for her killing and that she probably knew her attacker.

Detectives, initially so baffled that one of them said that the talents of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple would be required to solve the case, established yesterday that a beige plastic purse containing money was missing from Mrs Landless's home in Swanley Village, Kent, where she was found dead.



Mrs Landless, found dead in a cupboard.

The police team, led by Det Chief Supt Duncan Gibbins, also believes it has established the time of death, between

breakfast and lunchtime Friday.

Mrs Landless was found by a neighbour, Mr Ted Nicholls, on Saturday in a large upstairs cupboard where she kept her clothes. She had been strangled. Mrs Nicholls broke in through a rear upstairs window after neighbours had become worried that she did not appear to be at home.

Police were initially puzzled because there was no sign of a forced entry into the house, the windows and doors of which were always kept locked, who was also careful to

whom she answered the door.

Chief Inspector Stuart Donaldson of Dartford police said yesterday: "She may have known her attacker, and it is possible that someone locally may know the offender, who is perhaps acting out of character or has been spending an unusual amount of money."

Mr Nicholls last saw her alive on Thursday, in the rear garden which was her joy. He helped with the geraniums which filled the windowsills of her house.

On Friday police plan to stop and question all drivers passing through the village.

## Instant ban on drink drivers

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Drivers who fail breath tests may have their licences confiscated immediately instead of waiting for their cases to reach court.

The Government is considering such a move as part of a far-reaching review of road traffic law. A decision is expected by the summer.

The Magistrates' Association already supports banning drivers immediately in cases where it is believed a motorist will offend again before the case gets to court.

Last year two motorists were subject to such bans.

One was an Oxfordshire driver who was alleged to have driven with excess alcohol at high speed with a policeman on the roof. The court, exercising its powers under the Bail Act, 1976, imposed the ban after a police request.

Magistrates fear the widespread use of that power should smack of "punishment before proof of guilt" and the Justice's Clerks' Society has advised against it.

A discussion document on the changes says: "The importance of personal freedom must be weighed against the

need to protect innocent road users."

Should the Government accept the concept of confiscation, it would withdraw licences only in cases where the driver is a certain amount over the legal alcohol level.

The review will also consider whether greater use should be made of existing powers to make banned drivers re-take the driving test.

Strathclyde police has issued a warning to motorists highlighting the fact that May is the worst month in the year for drink-driving offences.

## BBC move to end jobs inequality

By Jonathan Miller  
Media Correspondent

The BBC is to step up the recruitment of women and ethnic minorities to correct an imbalance in its production and management staff, Mr Michael Checkland, director-general, said yesterday.

"The BBC has been concerned for some time now at the lack of women in its top management. We are actively looking for as wide a recruitment base as we can achieve", he said.

The introduction of an ethnic monitoring scheme would allow the corporation to measure its progress. Mr Checkland said women would be allowed to take more time off when having children, and to share jobs when unable to work full-time.

A report to the BBC's governors said that the corporation had largely failed to create equal employment opportunities, in spite of a long-standing commitment. It showed only 11 of 170 senior jobs were held by women.

The BBC said it did not know how many jobs were filled by ethnic minorities because it did not ask employees to disclose their race.

But officials said that the percentage of ethnic people in top jobs was low. Fewer than 6 per cent were held by women.

● Demands for the appointment of more equal opportunity officers at Whitehall will be made by delegates to the annual conference next week of the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

## Judges refuse to say why they made abortion ruling

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Oxford University student who lost the legal battle over the life of his unborn child was dealt a blow in his attempt to take the case on to the European Commission when he failed yesterday to persuade Court of Appeal judges to explain fully why they ruled against him.

In a ruling immediately condemned as likely to prompt more litigation on the rights of fathers over unborn children, the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, said the court had no intention of becoming involved in an anti-abortion campaign.

He dismissed the student's application for reasons as "misconceived" and added that the reasons given to the student in February, when the Court of Appeal refused to stop his former girlfriend going ahead with an abortion, were sufficient and had been upheld by the House of Lords.

"Wider issues than this

would involve us in a campaign and we do not propose to be involved in such a campaign."

But Mr Martin Poole, the solicitor for the student, said yesterday that the student, Mr Robert Carver, might still proceed to Strasbourg.

"The courts did not really examine the issue of a father's rights, only the issue of a fetus's capability of life," he said.

The case had already cost £40,000 to £50,000 and although Mr Carver had the backing of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child after the Law Society refused him legal aid, the money had not yet been raised.

He also said that yesterday's decision could mean more litigation to clarify the law on a father's rights over the unborn child.

Sir John, sitting with Lord

Justices Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Russell, heard that the 23-year-old student wanted a full judgement for the purposes of a possible application to the European Court of Human Rights.

The student's final attempt to stop his former girlfriend, a 21-year-old Oxford student, terminating her pregnancy at 18 to 21 weeks, was rejected by the House of Lords on February 24.

Yesterday counsel for the student, Mr Gerard Wright, QC, argued that the public interest required the court to give reasons.

The father had incurred very high legal costs and had a right to know why

A select committee of the House of Lords was also now sitting on the question of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act and should know fully the interpretation put on the Act by the Court of Appeal.

## QPR player denies assault

A professional footballer denied yesterday that he had attacked a teenager outside a Liverpool nightclub and kicked him on the ground.

Sammy Lee, aged 28, a former Liverpool and England player, now with Queen's Park Rangers, said: "I was very scared. I pushed him away. He was more or less standing on my toes."

Mr Lee told Liverpool Crown Court that John

McGregor, a Liverpool reserve player, had then approached Barry Holme, aged 19, of Lampether Road, Anfield.

The court has been told that Mr Holme spent 23 days in hospital suffering from a ruptured kidney after the incident on March 27 last year.

Mr Lee, of Queen's Gate Gardens, Kensington, west London, Mr McGregor, aged 24, and Mr Paul Walsh, aged

24, the Liverpool striker, of Wall Lake, Lower Heswall, Wirral, are charged with assault occasioning grievous bodily harm outside the Coconut Grove nightclub.

Mr Lee and Mr McGregor face a further charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. On Friday the jury returned a not guilty verdict on the charge against Mr Walsh on the direction of the judge.

The case was adjourned

### Sale Room

## Painting sale breaks 18 price records

Sotheby's in New York established 18 auction records for contemporary artists on Monday night. The sale made US\$18,906,800 (£11,187,455) with 11 per cent bought in for just 82 paintings.

"Pink Lady" by Willem de Kooning is said by experts to be "the culmination of a group of five paintings of seated

women, painted between 1940 and 1944."

A less sympathetic observer would describe the charcoal and oil work as a sketch for an as yet undecided variation on a well-worn Cubist theme.

It went for US\$3,630,000 or £2,147,928. That equalled the auction record for any contemporary work, set by a Jasper Johns last November,

and almost doubled the previous price for a de Kooning.

Among the records were three for British artists. David Hockney's colourful canvas "Egyptian Cafe" of 1978 made US\$341,000 or £201,775. Howard Hodgkin's "Reading" of 1972 made US\$121,000 or £71,593 and Anthony Carrow's rusted and varnished steel sculpture "Back Cover Flat"

reached US\$85,250 or £50,443.

A racing box belonging to the late Lord Wolverton produced about £300,000 at Christie's yesterday, during a sale of some 650 lots from Queenberry House, Newmarket, Suffolk.

There were some very strong prices for the silver.

## Portfolio Gold - Win will boost transport

Navy Commander Robert Nicholson had little doubt about how to spend his £8,000 win in the Portfolio Gold Competition.

Commander Nicholson, a regular reader of *The Times*, said: "The family car is getting very long in the tooth, having completed 100,000 miles, and on the way to work, before I knew I had won, it started making a grinding noise."

Commander Nicholson, of Thorne Road, Stockwell, south-west London, who is shore-based with the Ministry of Defence in London, said he has been playing the competition for two years.

He said there was no shortage of ideas on what to do with any surplus money as his four children, three sons and a daughter aged 16 to 22, had already suggested buying a dinghy for family outings.

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## Property prices rise by 14.5%

By Christopher Warman  
Property Correspondent

House prices in the UK increased by 14.5 per cent in the 1986-87 financial year which ended last month, according to the Halifax Building Society's latest survey, published yesterday.

The increase is slightly lower than the 14.9 per cent and 15.2 per cent reported in February and March respectively, but does not appear to indicate any slowdown in house price inflation, the society commented.

It forecasts house price inflation in 1987 at 14-15 per cent.

Prices of new houses increased by 12.9 per cent over the year to the end of April. House prices in Greater London and the South-east continue to rise by about 25 per cent per annum, while rises in northern England, Wales and Northern Ireland remain in single figures.

The Halifax reports an indication of an upturn in Scotland, where price rises over the year have reached double figures after remaining under 5 per cent during 1986.

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## PARLIAMENT

## Steel wants more Tory death-bed conversions

There had been so many death-bed conversions by the Government recently that there should be a general election every year, Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, told the Prime Minister during question time.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) set the election theme, saying that the Opposition had a vested interest in generating misery, but in the real world investment decisions were being held up in his constituency pending the outcome of a general election.

That was the clearest possible evidence that those responsible for creating jobs and generating prosperity wanted the continuity of the present Government's economic policies and not a return either to the failed policies of the past or, even worse, new policies that might wipe away the gains won in recent years.

Mrs Thatcher: Overseas investors prefer a government which believes in free enterprise and sound finance and which practices both.

Mr Norman St John-Stevens

## PRIME MINISTER

(Chelmsford, C): With regard to certain speculation which has appeared in the press about the date of the general election, will she tell him that her constitutional advice on this matter will be determined, not by the ephemera of the opinion polls, but purely by what is in the best interests of this country?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: During the past fortnight, the Government has abandoned the search for sites for nuclear waste on land, announced 82 major road works programmes, given nurses their full pay award and has announced the saving of rural schools (Conservative cheer).

In view of all these death-bed conversions, can we have a general election every year?

Mrs Thatcher: I seem to remember him holding one up with the Lib-Lab pact.

Mr Michael Lord (Central Suffolk, C): Will she acknowledge the invaluable role played by village schools in rural communities, such as central Suffolk?

In the ensuing uproar, the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) called for less euphoria and more listening.

Mr Lord: Can she confirm that there were no strict criteria, financial or otherwise, for the closure of such schools?

Mrs Thatcher: The Secretary of State for Education and Science (Mr Kenneth Baker) recognises the wide support there is for village schools.

Mr Robert Jones (West Hertfordshire, C): Can she fit in a message of congratulation to the six newly elected Conservative councillors for their increased share of the poll last week, particularly the victor in Devon, who succeeded with a 22 per cent swing from the Alliance to the Conservatives?

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C): I like it (laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. It augurs well for later in the week.

## Bill would make voting at elections mandatory

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) sought leave to bring in a Bill to make voting at parliamentary elections compulsory and to establish a public holiday for such elections.

He said that it was rather late to be introducing new Bills in what was becoming a Parliament of the politically undecided.

But within a week or so they would be involved in an election culminating in polling day when something like three-quarters of the electorate would vote.

For a variety of reasons, 24 per cent or about 10 million citizens were likely not to record a vote at the coming general election.

The parliamentary system was imperfect, too easily open to manipulation. The whole country was now waiting for one person, who enjoyed a majority of 138 elected by 42.4 per cent of those who voted or 30.8 per cent of those eligible to vote, to decide when would be the best moment for her to call a general election.

"The power of the Prime Minister alone to determine the date of the election and the futility speculation in the press over it, is simply bad for democracy. Equally bad for democracy is a government elected with a massive majority produced by only 31 per cent of the electorate."

Those 10 million or so people who failed to vote in 1983 had a great deal to answer for to those who did.

A government that was genuinely to represent and speak for the country should do so through a system which supported its claim to government. There should be an attempt to make it as near a 100 per cent turnout as possible.

The system of compulsion had been adopted in Australia, Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg

and Italy, where the average turnout was 90 per cent.

There would have to be a penalty for failure to vote without a legitimate reason.

Second, his Bill would make polling day a public holiday. This country seemed to delight in making electoral practice as difficult for people as possible. Since 1935 polling had always been on a Thursday, an ordinary working day.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lab) opposing the Bill, said that the system at the moment was clearly unfair. The tide was moving in the Labour Party, as well as among the Alliance, towards recognition that in a three-party democracy it was not possible to sustain a system so open to distortion if each party received about a third of the votes.

Leave to bring in the Bill was given by voices 24 majority, 17, and the Bill read a first time.

## Channel tunnel

## Safety call by peers likely

By Sheila Ginn, Political Staff

The House of Lords committee on the Channel tunnel is expected to call for stronger safety measures before the £5 billion project goes ahead. The committee's report is due to be completed later this week.

The peers are also worried about the effect on south London of converting Waterloo into a main terminal for the cross-Channel traffic.

The committee is expected to call for "on-train" immigration and customs controls as a way of reducing the likely congestion at Waterloo.

It is also likely to demand that the proposed Safety Commission should be strengthened, particularly in the light of fire hazards from vehicles on trains, and the need to co-ordinate British and French emergency services.

Its recommendations for changes to Eurotunnel's rail tunnel scheme, with other problems will influence its future and the prospects of an 1993 opening.

The project, strongly favoured by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is also faced with the prospect of a June general election, the need for an agreement with British Rail and the French railways, SNCF, and the search in the autumn of the third tranche of equity.

The hybrid Bill can be picked up where it left off after an election, but Eurotunnel is likely to find less enthusiasm for the project in the new

Parliament even if the Conservatives are returned.

Two Conservative candidates for Conservative-held seats in Kent, Mr David Shaw (Dover) and Mr Julian Brazier (Canterbury) have already questioned the commercial viability of the project.

In the event of a Labour victory, the project is expected to be subjected to a public inquiry that could delay it fatally.

The all-party committee, chaired by Lord Amthor, has been under pressure to draw up its report quickly after eight weeks of hearings. But it is unlikely that the Bill can progress any further in the Lords if a June polling day is announced.

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Mr Norman St John-Stevens: Election date must not be chosen to accord with opinion polls.

## Unemployed 'may get help from councils'

The unemployed and other benefit claimants who failed to get their giro cheques because of the dispute in the Civil Service might be able to get help from their local authority, Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, said in a statement.

In response to a private notice question from Mr Teddy Taylor (South East, C), he said that he regretted the fact that the two unions involved had chosen to further their pay campaign in a fashion that was bound to hurt the most vulnerable members of society.

"The Government believes that the Civil Service pay offer is a fair one. For the second year running, it is above the rate of inflation and will give many Civil Servants increases of between 5 and 6 per cent. Three

Civil Service unions have accepted the Government's offer. The Society of Civil and Public Servants and the Civil and Public Service Association should do the same."

Mr Taylor asked Mr Major to take emergency measures to ensure that deprivation was avoided wherever possible. Would he draw to the attention of the Treasury the special problems of recruitment in areas such as the South-east where costs were high and would he arrange for a review of salaries comparable to that given to teachers and nurses?

Mr Major said that approaches had already been made to local office managers of local authorities to provide emergency help.

Experience in other parts of the country had been that the

service was quickly restored to normal and urgent cases were given priority.

The Government had already made clear to the CPSSA and the Society that the Treasury was ready to talk to them about a flexible pay system similar to that concluded with the Institute of Professional Civil Servants.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, said that it was incumbent upon the Government to provide fair pay and decent working conditions. Working conditions were Dickensian.

The work load had increased per person by 30 per cent while their pay had decreased by 30 per cent relative to comparable people such as bank clerks.

## M15 debate demand rejected

A Labour MP failed in his bid to force a debate on the M15 motorway project on the publication in the American press of extracts from Mr Peter Wright's book *Spycatcher*, against which the Government is taking legal action.

Mr David Wainwright (Walsall North, Lab) said that, after publication of extracts in the *Washington Post*, Americans could read about security matters here which British citizens could not.

The *Washington Post* material had been syndicated throughout the United States and Canada to about 400 other papers and journals.

The story dealt as well with the alleged plot by M15 officials to undermine the Government of the day before that Government was re-elected in 1974.

These were serious allegations against officials who were meant to be politically neutral. The very people involved in the security services were apparently doing their best to undermine parliamentary democracy.

A debate was essential. Mr Tony Baldry (Banbury, C), on a point of order, referred to an early day motion by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours naming alleged former security service officers.

Was it right for the order

paper to be used to indict individuals with offences of treason? Did they not bring the House into disrepute by adopting procedures that would not be considered appropriate if adopted in courts elsewhere?

Mr Anthony Brooks had won the Military Cross, the DSO, the Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre for action behind enemy lines.

It was a matter of deep regret that these men without a shred of evidence against them should find themselves indicted in this, the highest court of the land.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that the early day motion was in order.

## Party chiefs dispute taxes

The effects of Government policy on the tax burden borne by the average family were hotly disputed by Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, and Mrs Margaret Thatcher during noisy exchanges at Prime Minister's question time in the Commons.

Mr Kinnock said that the Government had increased the tax burden on the nation by 7 per cent and on the average family by 10 per cent, so how could the Prime Minister claim last week that her policies had reduced taxation? The record showed that Mrs Thatcher cut the truth, not taxes.

Mrs Thatcher said that since 1979 the family man on average earnings had had his income tax reduced by £10 a week compared with the tax regime when Labour left office. In addition, this Government had got rid of four taxes that had been imposed by Labour and had also done many other things to reduce taxation.

Mr Kinnock wondered why the Prime Minister so often sought to obscure the truth (Conservative laughter).

She had promised that taxes must be cut when she had first elected. Since then she had presided over an 87 per cent increase in value-added tax, a 50 per cent increase in national insurance contributions, higher rates had charges which altogether meant that the average family was meeting a tax burden 10 per cent higher under her Government than under any previous government.

"Does she not realize that it is the tax people have to pay in total and not real income tax which is important to the average family?" (Labour cheer)

Mrs Thatcher: Why did he vote against cutting income tax? (Conservative cheer)

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister knows there were choices - (Conservative laughter) - and that from the £3 billion from the 2p tax cut the best that can be expected is an extra 80,000 jobs, but that £3 billion targeted on manufacturing, construction and vital services could have created 300,000 jobs.

Does she not think that would have been better value for money, better value for people and better value for Britain? (Labour cheer)

Mrs Thatcher: He never says how many jobs would be lost by taking away the money from the people who would have spent it and the companies who would have invested it.

## Mozambique aid talks

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, will discuss the scale of present aid to Mozambique with the President of Mozambique during his visit to Britain this week. Mr Patten said in a Commons written reply.

He said that, in addition to the longer-term development assistance programme, the British Government had offered more than £11 million in emergency aid to Mozambique during the past few months. "We stand ready to assist further", he added.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Debate on the security situation in Northern Ireland. (2.30): Debate on post-school education.

## Labour attack over Chile

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Dumfries and Galloway, Lab) attacked the Government over arms sales to Chile during Commons questions.

He said that the Government had arranged for HMS Glamorgan and other arms to be supplied to the dictatorship in Chile, which still murders and tortures its people. He asked Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement: "Is the Government's loyalty to its friends in the world trade, the merchants of death, greater than its respect for human rights?"

Mr Hamilton replied that the defence industry in Britain was important and that everything should be done to encourage defence equipment exports.

On the sale of frigates to Chile, he told Mr Foulkes: "One cannot involve a frigate in the suppression of civilian populations."

There were some Labour shouts of "Yes, you can."

## Conventional defence cash

Provision for conventional defence was 26 per cent below 1978-79, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said during question time in the Commons. In 1978-79 expenditure on conventional forces had been about £14,400 million at 1986-87 prices. Last year, on the same price basis and excluding Falklands expenditure, it had been about £17,400 million.

"Over the whole period since we have been in office expenditure on our conventional forces, excluding Falklands expenditure, has totalled some £16,000 million more in real terms than would have been the case if expenditure had remained at its 1978-79 level."

## SDI contracts worth \$34m

Thirty four million dollars' worth of contracts had already been awarded to British industry in relation to the Strategic Defence Initiative, Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, told MPs during Commons questions. Interest in the programme had been expressed by 400 companies.

## Eurofighter date soon

Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, told the Commons that the Government expected a decision on the launch of the development of the Eurofighter project some time later this year. He hoped it would be in the summer, though they were behind schedule for the original signing date of August 1.

## Public school denial

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has no plans to extend proposals for a national schools curriculum to public schools and others in the independent sector, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, told Mr Anthony Lloyd (Stratford, Lab).

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# Chief officer ignored order to supervise closing of bow doors

By David Sapsted

The Chief Officer of the Herald of Free Enterprise yesterday accepted that he was at fault for failing to ensure that someone closed the bow doors on the evening that the ferry capsized with the loss of almost 200 lives.

Mr Leslie Sabel, aged 40, admitted at the inquiry into the disaster that he had ignored a written instruction from Townsend Thoresen, the owners of the ship, to make sure the bow doors were secure.

"It was not practical because my harbour station was on the bridge", Mr Sabel said.

He was doubling as both loading officer on the car deck and officer of the watch on the bridge on March 6, the day of the disaster.

Mr Sabel said he had left the vehicle deck to return to the bridge when he saw a figure he assumed to be the assistant boatswain, the man responsible for closing the doors, approaching the control panel.

He now accepted that the man was not the assistant boatswain. He did not know who he was.

But he denied a suggestion from Mr Robert Owen, QC, representing the National Union of Seamen, that he had invented the person.

The chief officer also admitted that the cargo load on the ferry was based on rough estimates of the lorries and cars taken on board.

As proceedings began on the sixth day of the inquiry in Church House, central London, Miss Belinda Bucknall, counsel for Mr Sabel, said: "He accepts that he was at



Mr Sabel

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fault in failing to stay by the controls which operate the bow doors until at least the man, who he thought was going to be the operator, had got at least as far as the controls."

Mr Sabel said that he had been in charge of loading the ferry. Once the loading operation had finished, he said he had seen a seaman in an orange boiler suit coming towards him.

He thought it was Marc Stanley, the assistant boatswain, coming to close the doors. "I walked across the deck. It must have been to

answer a passenger query. Then I'm afraid I proceeded straight up to harbour station. "I understood all was well and I went up to the bridge."

Mr David Steel, QC, counsel for the Secretary of State for Transport, asked him whether the doors were still open at that stage.

"I believe they would have been. I would have expected them to have been, but my back was to the doors."

Mr Sabel agreed that in an earlier written statement he had not mentioned seeing anyone at the bow door control.

He said that on a normal Dover to Calais run, when there would be four officers on board, he would have stayed at the controls until the assistant boatswain arrived. But even then he would not stay until the doors were closed; he would give an instruction, then carry on with his other duties.

He was aware of a written instruction that said he must ensure the doors were closed but his other duties made it impractical for him to do so.

"Have you ever on any occasion ensured that the doors were closed?", Mr Steel asked.

"Not specifically", the first officer replied.

"Why not?"

"Because I believed there was a petty officer designated for that purpose."

"You just disregarded an instruction."

"I did what I considered under the circumstances was the right thing."

The hearing continues today.

## Witness weeps over sinking

Mr Leslie Sabel, the Chief Officer of the Herald of Free Enterprise, wept as he told the inquiry in London of his arrival on the bridge as the ferry keeled over.

He said: "I got on to the bridge and it was a little dark and I couldn't really see what was going on. The ship continued to go over."

"I lost my footing and fell. The ship continued to go over and eventually the bridge room was submerged and water came in through the port side."

"I realized the vessel was not going any further but I was caught underwater. Eventually I got free and found myself floating in the water inside the wheelhouse."

"The captain asked where the quartermaster was. I tried to look around to find him under the water but I was in too much pain and could not do anything."

● The Channel ferry disaster fund has reached £3,930,000, while £981,000 has been paid to claimants so far, Mr Brian Woods, the fund's spokesman, said at Dover yesterday.

## Love incarnate for sale at £140,000



Master craftsman Mr George Mancini, aged 84, with a model of Eros, the symbol of love that stands in the centre of Piccadilly Circus, as six replicas of the sculpture went on sale in London yesterday. The Fine Art Society, which discovered a set of casts in the Victoria and Albert Museum when the original statue was restored two years ago, is selling the replicas for £140,000 each. Mr Mancini worked for Sir Alfred Gilbert (1854-1934), the sculptor of Eros (Photograph: John Rogers).

## Tories condemn schools race inquiry

By Ian Smith

Pupils and teachers at Manchester secondary schools were yesterday urged to report incidents of racial harassment or violence to an inquiry investigating colour prejudice in schools.

The move was immediately condemned by the Tory leader of Manchester City Council.

Letters have been sent to 62,000 pupils and a telephone

hotline set up so they can level allegations, anonymously, if they wish, of racism against teachers or fellow pupils.

If the charges are serious enough to warrant disciplinary action, complainants will be requested to make public their secret charges.

The inquiry was ordered last November by Labour-controlled Manchester City Council after the playground

stabbing of Ahmed Iqbal Ullah, aged 13, at Burnage High School.

Darren Coulburn, another pupil also aged 13, has since been convicted of murder.

Police who investigated the killing say they uncovered no evidence of a racial motive.

The inquiry was condemned as dangerous and distressing by Mrs Joyce Hill, the council's Tory leader

"This inquiry is almost willing people to go behind each other's backs and for pupils and teachers to become snobs and spies."

The inquiry is being chaired by Mr Ian McDonald, a barrister, and the findings will be made public.

Mr McDonald said it was being held in private because witnesses had expressed fears of victimization.

## Poverty biting harder in the North

By Jill Sherman  
Social Services  
Correspondent

Rising unemployment, widening wage differentials and cuts in state benefits have led to sharp increases in poverty in Yorkshire and Humberside, according to a report published today.

The report, by the Child Poverty Action Group, says

that poor households in those areas, which now have the third highest unemployment levels in the country, are also the main victims of the Government's "two nations" policies in the areas of housing, education and health.

The report says that between 1975 and 1985 unemployment rose by about 4.2 times from 70,000 to 296,000

people, compared with a national average rise of 3.8 times.

Those employed in the traditional manufacturing industries, particularly steel, engineering and textiles, as well as those in primary production such as mining and fishing, have shouldered the burden of unemployment.

There has also been a marked increase in the num-

ber of workers on low pay, the report says.

The Family Expenditure Survey shows that Yorkshire and Humberside region had the highest proportion of households with a weekly income of less than £75 in 1983-84.

Poverty and Deprivation in Yorkshire and Humberside (CPAG 1-5 Bath Street, London EC1 1 2J).

## Manager's fraud was uncovered by worker

An employee uncovered a £600,000 fraud by his manager after he became suspicious of the amount of private mail arriving from Milton Keynes.

Five days after the discovery the manager, Alan Hayes, aged 42, of Oakhill, Somerset, was found in a hotel room dying of severe head injuries and an aspirin overdose.

Yesterday his fellow conspirator, Bill Watson, aged 45, of Bridge Road, Cosgrove, Northamptonshire, was jailed at Bristol Crown Court for two and a half years for two separate frauds.

Watson's partner in the second fraud, Geoffrey Pearce, aged 40, of The Squirrels, Pinner, north-west London, was jailed yesterday for two years.

The court was told that Mr Ian Sewell, an employee of Clerical and Medical General Life Insurance in Bristol, found invoices he knew to be bogus in Hayes' mail.

Both men had admitted the charges, and paid back much of the money.

## Tube miner wins damages

A tunnel miner who contracted a bone disease after working in compressed air during the construction of part of the London Underground was awarded damages of £150,000 in the High Court yesterday.

Anthony Toye, aged 40, of Ballindrait, Co Donegal, Ireland, who worked on the Vauxhall Park section of the Victoria line between February 1968 and April 1969, was awarded damages and costs against his former employer, Mitchell Brothers Sons and Co Ltd, of Glasgow.

Mr Toye had contracted a bone disease after working in compressed air during the construction of part of the London Underground.

## Solicitor faces new charges

Mr Peter Denby, a solicitor, faced further charges of conspiracy, possession of a firearm, threatening to kill and driving an alleged criminal from the scene of a crime when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in central London yesterday.

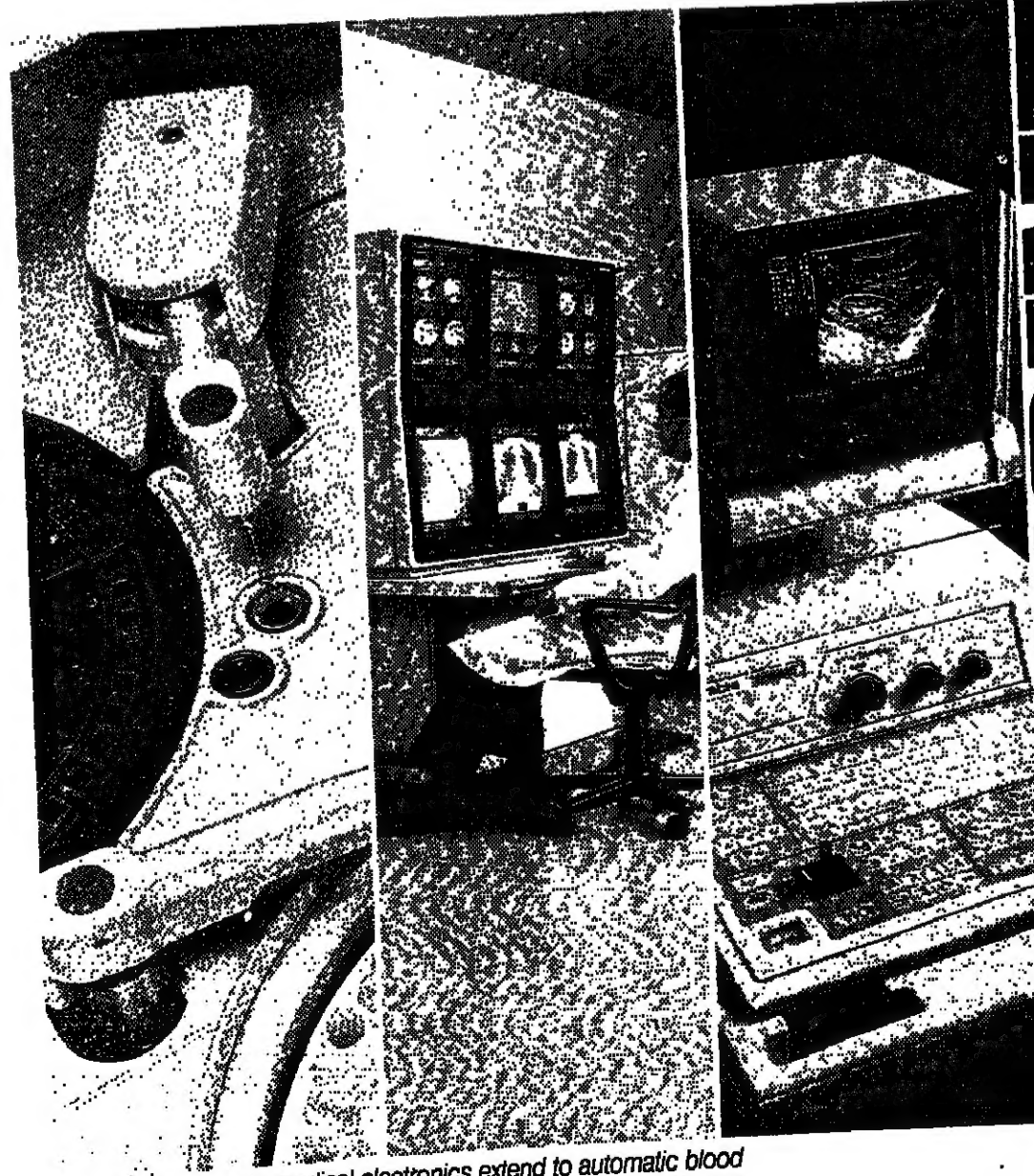
Mr Denby, aged 39, of West Fields, Richmond, Surrey, who has already appeared on a robbery charge, was remanded in custody until May 12.

Medicine should be more than the ability to treat or cure. The best care and treatment come from precise diagnosis.

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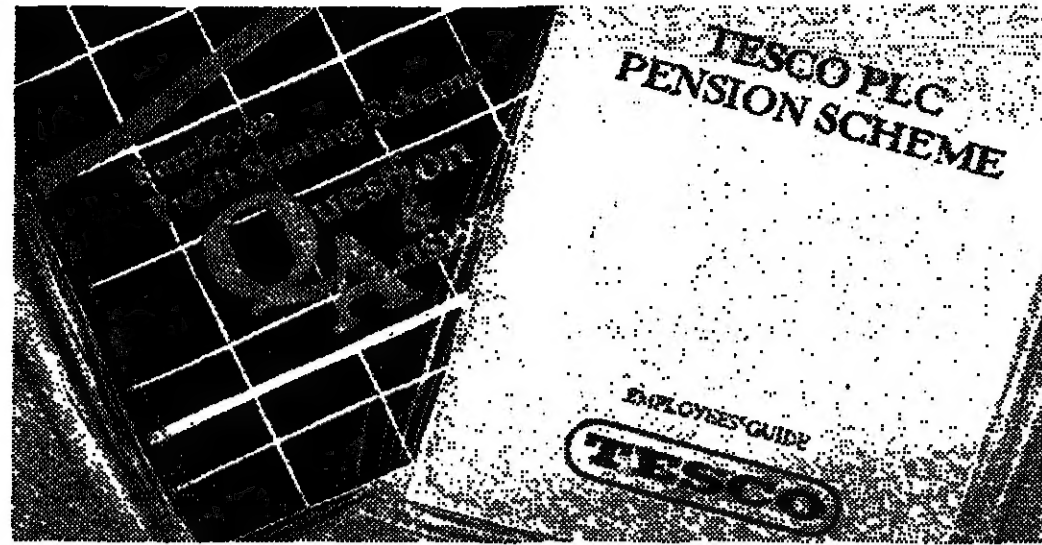


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WORLD SUMMARY

## Video supports 'Ivan' identity

Jerusalem — The war crimes trial here watched a 7½ minute video yesterday which tried scientifically to show that Mr John Demjanjuk was the same man whose picture appeared on an alleged 1942 SS identification card of "Ivan the Terrible", the executioner of Treblinka death camp (Ian Murray writes). Mr Demjanjuk denies he is "Ivan the Terrible" and the defence argues that the card is a forgery.

The video was prepared by Professor Patricia Smith, a dentist, trained in London, who now teaches at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She merged one picture into the other, showing how the young man's face fitted closely the shape and peculiarities of the defendant. The protruding ears fitted exactly and the head appeared virtually the same.

● **BONN:** Ex-Corporal Ernst Kuntz, aged 76, a former SS guard at Auschwitz, accused of kicking a pregnant woman inmate to death, went on trial in Siegen, near Bonn yesterday charged with six murders and helping to send 100 people to the gas chambers (John England writes).

## Nuclear protest

Lisbon — Portugal is lodging strong protests against Spain's plan to build a nuclear waste deposit near the border between the two countries, close to the Portuguese city of Braganca and only seven miles from the Douro River (Martha de la Cal writes).

The Douro river valley is where grapes for the world-famous port wine have been grown for more than 300 years. The Secretary of State for the Environment, Senhor Carlos Pimenta, said: "The Spaniards are presenting it as a scientific project, but we know it isn't."

## Third man quits

Delhi — Mr A.B.A. Ghani Khan Choudhary, the Minister for Plan Implementation, has become the third Indian Cabinet minister to lose his post in the past few weeks (Michael Hamlyn writes).

He resigned after the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament criticized him for showing, when he was Railway Minister, "undue consideration" to a property company over prime railway-owned land in Bombay. His resignation follows that of Mr Ashok Sen, the Law Minister, and Mr V.P. Singh, the Defence Minister.

## Rotary doors opened

San Francisco — California officials and women's groups have hailed a court decision forcing Rotary Clubs to admit women as signalling the end of all male business clubs in the state and the country (Charles Bremner writes). On Monday, the Supreme Court in Washington upheld a Californian decision against Rotary International that charged the organization with discrimination. The case began eight years ago when the Rotary International organization expelled a small chapter at Duarte, near Los Angeles, after it had admitted three women members.

## 35 die in landslide

Jakarta (Reuters) — At least 35 people were killed and 50 injured in a landslide which swamped dozens of homes at a limestone quarry on Sumatra, the Indonesian island, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman in Padangjajang, West Sumatra, said that at least 65 other people were missing, feared killed in the landslide caused by heavy rains on Monday. Army rescue workers used bulldozers to push aside earth as they searched

## Frog legs off menu

Dhaka — Bangladesh will ban the export of frog legs — a delicacy in elegant Western restaurants — to prevent the country's frogs from becoming extinct (Ahmed Farid writes). The indiscriminate slaughter of frogs for their succulent legs has depleted stocks and increased the use of pesticides for killing insects, a natural food of the amphibians. Thousands of trappers comb the ricefields and marshes to catch the frogs in the mating season.

## Greek oil law passed

Athens — A law empowering the Greek Government to take control of the multinational company exploiting the modest offshore oil wells in the northern Aegean sea, was passed by Parliament's

Socialist majority late on Monday (Mario Mediano writes). The Government brushed aside criticism that the move would discourage foreign investors.

## Policy of glasnost fuels boom for Soviet press

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday marked the country's annual "press day" with the publication of new official figures showing that over the past year, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of *glasnost*, or openness, has pushed-up the national dailies and Moscow-based magazines by a total of 14 million.

The statistics, which were released by Tass and not broken down into greater detail, reinforced the claims of greater interest in the official

press made by many ordinary Muscovites. One told me that in the period of stagnation preceding Mr Gorbachev's assumption of power in 1985, official papers and magazines were "too dull and unreliable".

The dramatic changes encouraged in the presentation and selection of domestic news under Mr Gorbachev were also reflected in the annual list of Soviet awards for individual press and television coverage-regarded



Supporters carrying Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, leader of Malta's opposition Nationalist Party, shoulder high at a rally.

## Israelis declare truce on Middle East conference to avoid early elections

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Monday. The delay was to enable all 10 members to be there — so ensuring that any vote held will be an inconclusive tie. Five members are Labour and five Likud.

Mr Shamir is expected to advise the Cabinet to allow Mr Peres more time to present a complete package before putting the issue to a vote. This will enable the Foreign Minister to travel to Washington as planned next Wednesday for further consultations and possibly an

which is another precondition for the international conference. He is thus unlikely to rush back from Washington and call for a vote but to try instead to make positive progress on the Soviet question first.

Unless he can present a package concrete enough to persuade one of Mr Shamir's camp to support it, Mr Peres cannot win a vote in the inner Cabinet. He risks being forced out of government, while Mr Shamir could put together a narrow coalition to stay in power until the scheduled general election at the end of next year.

According to Foreign Ministry sources, Mr Peres remains sure that there is "positive" progress towards calling the conference. The most important new gain is seen to be that for the first time Jordan is prepared to go to the conference without participation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.



Mr Peres: Feels the Soviet Union is dragging its feet.

## High season for clandestine summits

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

It is high season in the Middle East for secret summits. Hot on the heels of revelations about King Hussein's alleged meeting with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, have come reports that President Assad of Syria and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq — two men who would normally welcome only news of the other's demise — have kept a secret desert assignation just inside Jordan at the King's express invitation.

In the swift re-alignments of the region, such a meeting would not be impossible. And well-informed Arab sources in Beirut who specialize in the relations between Syria and Iraq say there have been two meetings between Mr Abdul Raouf al-Kassbi, the Syrian Prime Minister, and Mr Tahar Yassin Ramadan, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, to lay the ground-work for an Assad-

Beirut — The Syrians went through the motions yesterday of trying to persuade Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, to withdraw his resignation but found him adamant about giving up his post (Robert Fisk writes). Brigadier-General Ghazi Kassar, the Syrian commander in West Beirut said: "We found him determined to bow out because he has been jammed into a dead end."

Husain summit to discuss the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and its role in an international conference on the Middle East.

East European diplomats in Beirut have made no secret of the Soviet Union's desire to restore old Soviet relations of friendship between Syria and Iraq, now that Moscow has decided to blame Iraq for the continuation of the Gulf War. In the aftermath of the Algiers summit, President Husain has

emerged as one of the most loyal supporters of Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, and the Russians have no reason to encourage convening of an international conference in which Syria and Iraq are feuding over the right to lead the Palestinians.

The most detailed account of the supposed meetings between President Assad and Hussein was printed in the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Qabas*, which reported that they held a second private conference on the Jordanian-Iraqi border, lasting five hours, after efforts by King Hussein to reconcile them. A public summit between the two men would follow, the newspaper said, if they could agree on a "neutral stance" towards the Gulf War.

But Syria's current relations with Iraq are such that even a private meeting between the two Arab antagonists would be almost impossible. Damascus, for example, has just

concluded a new agreement with Tehran under which Iran will ship one million tons of free oil to Syria every year and two million tons of Iranian crude oil at cut prices.

Given Syria's difficult economic situation, the oil deal is of critical importance to President Assad. The Arab press had been discussing the possible collapse of the arrangement last summer at a time when King Hussein had arranged a meeting between the Syrian and Iraqi foreign ministers. But as soon as Iran agreed to continue the oil shipments, the Syrian-Iraqi conference was called off.

The most pressing reason behind the contacts between Damascus and Baghdad, however, is the possible rapprochement between Mr Arafat and President Assad, and the relationship between Syria and Iraq if both were to support the PLO's delegation to an international conference.

## Malta rivals unite in bid for fair poll

From Austin Sammut, Valletta

Malta's two main political parties have taken measures to curb violence in an attempt to ensure that general elections at the weekend are free and fair.

The general secretaries of the ruling Malta Labour Party and the opposition Nationalist Party are having meetings which are continuing this week to establish measures aimed at preventing violence at polling booths.

The parties have been organizing separate routes for rival voters to follow when attending election rallies. The measures have averted many potential clashes. But the threat of violence during actual voting is the main worry now.

This time, the count takes place in the former RAF Lyster barracks at Hal Far

amid intense security. A one-mile restricted zone around the counting hall, patrolled by armed police and soldiers, will deter unauthorized people. Everyone going to the barracks will be searched for arms.

The presence of riot police with automatic rifles at voting booths and at the count must be weighed against the fact that there are an estimated 50,000 registered firearms on Malta, and thousands more unregistered weapons. PN clubs have been attacked by gunmen. In one raid, Raymond Caruana, aged 27, a Nationalist activist, was shot dead. Machine-guns were used in clashes involving PN and MLP supporters and riot police in November.

The police have so far proved incapable of controlling violence on Malta

## Falklands fishing zone dispute

## Argentina's ideas studied

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A second round of indirect contact between Britain and Argentina is underway, as predicted last week by *The Times*.

The Foreign Office has received a message relayed by the US State Department containing Argentinian suggestions for a Falkland's waters fishing policy. While the contents have been kept secret it became clear yesterday that they merited careful and long consideration.

Whitehall sources described the Argentinian communication as containing "informal and preliminary ideas on the co-ordination and management of fisheries in the south-west Atlantic".

The significance of Argentina's reply to a British message sent more than two months ago, is that the contacts have survived their most

delicate initial phase. There were fears that as soon as they became known both governments would come under pressure not to be seen talking to each other, even indirectly.

The fact that three communications have been passed, two from Buenos Aires via Washington to Whitehall and one in the other direction, is thought to indicate that the implied ground rules are being respected.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, has always emphasized Britain's willingness to discuss a regional fishing policy for the South Atlantic with Argentina, provided that the sovereignty of the Falklands was not called into question. Against this, the Argentinians have always insisted that sovereignty could

not be excluded from any talks.

While the indirect contacts are not talks it is thought that Whitehall would have called a halt if the Argentinian messages had dwelt on sovereignty. The sources confirmed yesterday that Argentina's "ideas" related to Sir Geoffrey's suggestion last October that confirmation and management of fish stocks should be co-ordinated.

His unilateral declaration of a 150-mile fishing limit, which came into force in February, was a response to Argentina's reluctance last year to negotiate.

If the contacts continue there are hopes that the fishing limit, which is strongly resented by Buenos Aires, could be replaced by a joint arrangement.

## Archives reveal Nixon era secrets

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Former US President Richard Nixon, before his fall in the Watergate scandal, thought of freeing the central figure convicted for the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam war.

This is one of the disclosures in about 250,000 pages of once-secret documents kept by Mr Nixon's aides and made public this week by the National Archives in Washington.

Major events of the Nixon era — Watergate, the Pentagon Papers, anti-war demonstrations, the My Lai massacre and attempts to discredit

political opponents — surface throughout the files.

The latest releases show that Mr Nixon also scrambled to plug leaks to the press and empathized with American black militants.

The papers were released after years of legal wrangling between Mr Nixon and the National Archives. Millions more await disclosure. The latest batch contains no sensational about the administration of President Nixon, who was forced out of office in 1974.

Mr John Ehrlichman, then

a top White House aide, quoted Mr Nixon as saying, "I'll commute Calley". This was a reference to army lieutenant William Calley, who was convicted for his part in the slaughter in 1968 of innocent Vietnamese civilians at My Lai. But Mr Nixon did not commute his sentence.

In the spring of 1970, when the country was caught up in serious civil strife and President Nixon was the target of protests, he told Mr Ehrlichman: "If I were black, I'd become a revolutionary if I saw some of the things they see."

## The system and choices for South Africa's white voters

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The number of registered white voters in South Africa as of January 31, 1987, was 3,031,414, compared with 2,290,527 in 1981, when the last general election was held. Registered voters represent 61.9 per cent of all whites, who in number 4,900,000. They in turn account for 14.3 per cent of South Africa's total population of 34,354,425. Roughly 80 per cent of whites are Afrikaans-speaking and 40 per cent English or other.

The white House of Assembly has 178 seats, of which four are nominated and eight indirectly-elected. The 166 directly-elected seats represent single-member constituencies where the candidate who gets the most votes wins as in Britain. One consequence is that votes are not necessarily translated into seats.

The ruling National Party (NP) could thus see its share of the popular vote drop significantly without losing many seats. However, vote share will be important as a guide to the underlying trend of white voter attitudes.

The State President, the nominee of the majority party,

### Party strength in House

Party	Cape	Natal	FS	TVL	Total DE	Non-DE	IE	Grand Total
NP	42	10	13	51	116	4	6	128
PPF	11	6	-	8	25	-	-	25
CP	2	-	-	15	17	-	-	17
NRP	1	4	-	-	5	-	-	5
HNP	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
IND	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2

(Key: CPFS-Orange Free State, TVL-Transvaal, Total DE-Total directly elected, Non-DE-Non-directly elected, IE-Indirectly elected, NP-National Party, PPF-Progressive Federal Party, CP-Conservative Party, NRP-New Republic Party, HNP-Hersigste Nasionale Party, IND-Independents-Independents)

appoints the four nominated members. The eight indirectly-elected seats are allocated in proportion to each party's share of directly-elected seats. So the majority party is guaranteed an extra nine seats.



The main protagonists in the election are, from left: President Botha (National Party); Mr Colin Eglin (Progressive Federal Party); Mr Andries Treurnicht (Conservative Party); Mr Jaap Marais (Hersigste Nasionale Party); Dr Denis Worrall (Independent).

about 35 per cent of English speakers now vote NP. Prepared to give blacks vote within segregated political structures and say in joint decision-making on "matters of common interest". White veto would remain.

Progressive Federal Party (PPF). Leader: Mr Colin Eglin. In existence under various names since 1959. From 1961 to 1974 had only one MP in parliament, Mrs Helen Suzman. Mainly well-to-do English-speaking support. Would abolish all apartheid laws.

New Republic Party (NRP). Leader: Mr Bill Sutton. Rump of old United Party of General Jan Smuts. Running in alliance with PPF. Agrees apartheid laws should be abolished,

### 1981 results

Party	votes	% of votes	seats
NP	777,535	57.9	142
PPF	265,197	19.4	27
HNP	182,214	14.1	-
NRP	108,766	7.8	8
CP	19,148	1.4	-
Others	3,895	0.3	-

Total 1,364,776 100.0 177 Registered voters 2,290,527. Valid votes cast 1,294,776 (Note: Since 1981 size of House of Assembly has been increased by one seat, NCP-National Conservative Party, which merged with the CP after 1982 broke away from the NP in 1982.)

but is closer to NP view that ANC should only be unbanned if it renounces violence. Independents. Three independent candidates of importance — Dr Denis Worrall, fighting

the Helderberg constituency in the western Cape against Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister in charge of constitutional reform, Dr Esther Lategan in neighbouring Stellenbosch, and Mr Wynand Malan in Randburg in Johannesburg. All former NP members. Views not greatly different from PPF-NRP.

Conservative Party (CP) and Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP). Leaders: Mr Andries Treurnicht (CP) and Mr Jaap Marais (HNP). Both offshoots of NP. Want return to rigid apartheid. Strength lies mainly in rural and poorer urban areas. Support largely Afrikaans, but CP also attracts English speakers.

## REVISED INTEREST RATES FROM BRITANNIA

From the 1st May, 1987, interest rates were amended as follows:

TYPE OF ACCOUNT	NET RATE	GROSS EQUIVALENT TO BANK RATE
CURRENT ISSUES		
MONEYMASTER (24 hour cash card account)	5.50%	7.53%
ORDINARY SAVINGS (General Investment)	5.00%	6.85%
REGULAR SAVINGS	6.00%	8.22%
TRIDENT GOLD	7.15%	9.79%
TRIDENT GOLD PLUS	7.65%	10.48%
TRIDENT SUPER GOLD	8.05%	11.03%
TRIDENT SUPER GOLD PLUS	8.20%	11.23%

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## Crucial decision for Bonn Cabinet

# Carrington warns Nato nations that Soviet offer 'absolutely fatal'

From Richard Owen, Brussels

On the eve of today's crucial West German Cabinet meeting on arms control Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, yesterday warned that the Soviet "Double Zero" offer abolishing not only medium (LRINF) but also shorter-range (SRINF) missiles was aimed at the "de-nuclearization" of Europe. This would be "absolutely fatal", Lord Carrington said.

In an argument which appears to back West German Conservatives and defence officials who have strong doubts about where the Double Zero might lead, Lord Carrington said that Europe had to retain some nuclear capacity not only because of the Warsaw Pact's overwhelming conventional edge and monopoly of chemical weapons, but also because nuclear weapons were in themselves a deterrent to war.

It was not enough to rely on tactical battlefield nuclear weapons, the first line in Nato's doctrine of flexible nuclear response.

"Something more" was needed, nuclear-capable aircraft like the F111 were vital and there was a "considerable imbalance" in shorter-range missiles.

With the Bonn Cabinet

divided, Nato is waiting for the West German decision before formulating a common response to Moscow.

Despite pressure for a quick answer, Nato consultations could be deliberately drawn out, partly to avoid being rushed into a deal and partly to avoid political problems for Mrs Thatcher.

A British election in mid-June would coincide with the next Nato Council in Reykjavik. While one option - the Double Zero - would give Mrs Thatcher an election boost, the other - agreement to match Moscow in SRINF - would mean introducing new missiles, probably by converting withdrawn Pershing 2s.

This could create serious public opposition in Britain as well as Germany.

A Nato Council at ambassadorial level, cancelled on Monday to give Bonn more time, will be convened after Chancellor Kohl of West Germany makes a statement tomorrow.

Nato Defence Ministers then meet in Norway next week to prepare the June Nato Council.

Lord Carrington said that an INF agreement removing SS20s from European Russia

and Cruise and Pershing 2 from Western Europe was "most likely" and in the interests of East and West.

But with the inclusion by Mr Gorbachev of SRINF as well, the Europeans had "for the first time ever come against the real possibility of a Soviet proposal likely to lead to de-nuclearization, and they do not like it at all."

Bonn's attitude was critical because West Germany was in the Nato front line and West Germany alone all would have to deploy shorter-range systems.

Lord Carrington said that the West had to test Mr Gorbachev's intentions without relaxing a defence posture which had proved successful for 40 years.

Nato was under pressure to do a deal before the forthcoming US presidential campaign paralyzed American constitutional processes. However, America was not pushing the Europeans and Nato had to guard against "agreement at any price".

Mr Gorbachev was able to change Soviet policy in 30 seconds, Lord Carrington said, but Nato had to take time to consider the differing interests of 16 nations.

## Champagne for a small agreement

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The United States and the Soviet Union have now actually agreed on at least one arms control measure - specific arrangements for reducing the danger of a nuclear war being "loosched" off through some escalation of misadventure.

The negotiators reached agreement and treated themselves to a midnight champagne toast as they put the finishing touches to agreed texts for setting up "risk-reduction centres" in Moscow and Washington.

After final approval by governments, the centres should soon be operative. They will exchange military information, including advance notice

of missile tests, underground nuclear tests, troop movements and whatever other details the respective military establishments think they can safely divulge without endangering security.

The concept was formally launched in the communiqué issued at the 1985 Geneva summit.

## Canadians tackle 'refugees'

From John Best, Ottawa

A Bill to speed up the operation of Canada's refugee determination system was introduced yesterday in the House of Commons.

The Bill is a response to the burgeoning growth of applications, including many bogus claims, which in recent years has strained handling facilities beyond breaking point.

Mr Bennett, Minister of Employment and Immigration, said in a statement released before he tabled the legislation: "The existing system was never designed to deal with the growing number of claimants with the large number of false claims to refugee status. It is bogged down and can no longer respond effectively to genuine refugees in need of Canada's protection."

The proposed new system will permit speedy removal of those claiming refugee status for reasons other than protection - people seeking simply to better their economic circumstances, for example.

Increasing numbers of "economic migrants" have been circumventing overseas selection processes by coming to Canada and falsely claiming refugee status, Mr Bennett said.

In 1980 claims to refugee status filed within Canada numbered 1,600. Last year they had risen to more than 18,000 and this year the number is expected to reach 25,000. "This abuse had to be constrained," the Immigration Minister said.

The new determination system will be a three stage affair, allowing an appeal to the Federal Court, by leave.

## Illegal aliens fear US amnesty 'trap'

From Charles Bremner, San Francisco

Mrs Ana Rodriguez, 28, from El Salvador, stood waiting in the sunshine outside the immigration office in San Francisco's Mission District, and voiced the fears of many, as an historic amnesty occurred across America.

"Many people think it's a trap to catch us," Mrs Rodriguez said. "They are scared the police will use this to throw us out. But I can never go back home, even if they throw me out."

Mrs Rodriguez was one of an expected 150,000 "aliens" in San Francisco who will take advantage of a year-long amnesty that allows those who came illegally to the country before 1982 to register as legal residents.

The law, which will have more impact on California than any other state, is designed to bring under control the tide of immigrants, mainly from Latin America and the Caribbean, who have flooded into the US over the past decade.

Along with the amnesty, border security is being tightened and from June 1 it becomes illegal to employ undocumented workers.

The landmark law, passed by Congress last October after years of debate, has unleashed a flood of criticism and predictions of disaster.

Mexico, whose citizens account for 55 per cent of the illegal aliens, is denouncing it as racist and discriminatory. The prospect of millions of undocumented workers being sent back across the border is chilling Mexican economists and politicians.

For many worried Mexicans in San Francisco there it is an irony that the amnesty

started on the Cinco de Mayo, the annual spring festival. "I don't feel like dancing in the streets," said one Mexican worker whose two-year residence disqualifies him from the amnesty.

Thousands of immigrants have already fled North into Canada, since the law was passed.

Critics say the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), hard-pressed at the best of times and more feared than the police by immigrants, is grossly unprepared to handle the flood of expected applications. "I cannot predict the future, but I don't see us being inundated," said Mr Joseph Brandon, the acting INS director for San Francisco.

But Mrs Emily Goldfarb, the director of the Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said: "The level of panic is incredible. There is not enough money, not enough people... We are just overwhelmed."

About 50 per cent of the three or four million people expected to claim amnesty are believed to live in California.

The INS is counting on volunteer groups to advise immigrants, often in their own language, on how to gather the electricity bills, rent receipts or other papers that can prove that they have been in the country without a break since January 1, 1982.

But for many the task could prove impossible since their underground life required them to avoid just such documents. Applicants are called for an interview after their papers have been processed. If they fail to convince the INS of their residence, they could face deportation.

## Jailed junta chief testifies at Cyprus inquiry



George Papadopoulos, who staged a coup that imposed Greece's 1967-74 military dictatorship, being escorted by police in the Greek Parliament building yesterday before testifying to a committee investigating events leading to the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in July 1974.

Papadopoulos, jailed for life along with other leaders of the disgraced junta, was questioned on his 1967 decision to pull out 12,000 Greek troops stationed on the Mediterranean island to deter a possible attack by Turkey (AP reports from Athens). He told the 30-member all-party panel that the Greek division's presence was "illegal and contributed little to the island's defense". But he also took the

opportunity to declare, "I am not a traitor", according to committee members who briefed reporters on the former dictator's testimony. "He seemed calm, he answered courteously, he smoked but refused coffee when it was offered," said one, who declined to be identified.

It was Papadopoulos's first public appearance since he was sentenced in August 1975 on charges of high treason and overthrowing democracy. The 68-year-old ex-artillery colonel was taken under high security to Parliament from Korydallos Prison in Athens' port of Piraeus at dawn for the hearing. Papadopoulos refused to answer questions about Cyprus events in 1974. He was

expected to continue testifying until the evening. When lunch was served in the chamber, he refused to eat anything except a dry drink, an MP said.

The committee has so far questioned 80 politicians, diplomats and ex-officers since Mr Andreas Papandreu's Socialist Government last July launched a long-promised official investigation into Greek involvement in the 1974 Cyprus crisis. The Greek military regime is blamed for instigating a coup on Cyprus that overthrew its President, the late Archbishop Makarios, and triggered an invasion by Turkish forces. Cyprus is now divided into separate Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

## Waldheim considers court fight

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

President Waldheim of Austria may initiate by the end of the month legal steps against the United States Justice Department for barring him from the country.

Speaking in Innsbruck yesterday, Dr Waldheim confirmed that he was in contact with lawyers in the US who were examining the legal grounds for the US Justice Department's decision to place him on a "watch list" as a result of his war-time activities in the Balkans.

He said there was no questioning Austria's being isolated in the world as a result of the US action.

Meanwhile in Vienna, Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, retaining from a visit to Holland, supported Dr Waldheim's call for a commission of international military historians to examine his war record.

"It is important we do all we can here and abroad to end this rather irrational debate about our country," he said.

The Chancellor, however, advised "considerable caution" in setting up the commission. He said it must consist of "well-known international historians".

Addressing many of his own Socialist supporters as much as foreign journalists, he said: "We must go forward with cool heads."

In recent days, the number of Socialist supporters who have criticized him for supporting Dr Waldheim had grown considerably.

Later yesterday, officials at the Austrian Foreign Ministry were quick to counter criticism from opposition politicians that the Austrian diplomatic corps - especially Mr Thomas Kiesel, the Ambassador to Washington - had been less than enthusiastic in their attempts to restore both the country's and Dr Waldheim's images abroad after his election last summer.

"Austrian diplomats have been working full out to limit the damage of our President's election last year," a senior diplomat said.

## Nakasone's future uncertain as political tax hurdle looms

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone arrived home last night to an uncertain political future, unable to claim a victory from his mission to the United States.

He can point to a presidential commitment to stabilize exchange rates and the possible removal of US sanctions before the June summit of industrialized nations. But whether these slim pickings will quieten his enemies in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will not be clear until his next political hurdle: tax reform.

Mr Nakasone, taking a break on Maui, one of the Hawaiian Islands, on the way back, said he intends to determine when he will leave the prime ministership, hinting that that means not until his term ends in October. Quoting

one of his own haiku poems he said: "When summer comes, the cicada begins to sing loudly. I will try to outlast him."

He told American friends he was still in a dominant position at home with his three potential rivals co-operating with him. But there are many in the LDP and among the public at large who want Mr Nakasone out much sooner, even before the summit. With his popularity rating at an all-time low of about 34 per cent because of the unpopularity of the VAT-type tax which he promoted and which the party had to abandon in the face of public opposition and legislative gridlock, the Prime Minister now has to seek an extension of the present Diet session for a fresh attempt to revamp the tax system.

There is no doubt that the extension is necessary, but many will see it as camouflage for his own ambition to prolong his tenure. Tax is one of several aspects of postwar Japan that Mr Nakasone pledged to reform as part of what he calls "closing accounts on the Second World War".

Much depends on how serious the three potential rivals are about unseating Mr Nakasone when Japan's international problems are multiplying and as unpleasant economic and fiscal choices are being forced on the Government. Much depends, too, on what the Prime Minister considers an appropriate moment to go in order to preserve his political potential. He wants to take on the role of political kingmaker so long held by the sick and politically disabled former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka. If Mr Nakasone stays too long and exhausts his political capital, he risks becoming too weak within the party to take on that role.

None of his three rivals seems to be an outstanding challenger. All have been tainted to some extent with Japan's recent problems and the choice would now be between Mr Noboru Takeuchi, secretary-general of the LDP and former Finance Minister, and Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the present Finance Minister. Mr Takeuchi, once seen as the heir to the Tanaka faction, the strongest in the LDP, is likely to launch his own faction soon - a clear sign that he is preparing his run at the prime ministership.

Even the lockstep former Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe, who is the third candidate, preceded Mr Nakasone to the United States in an abortive attempt to win the Americans over to an early lifting of their punitive tariffs on Japanese electronics products, while Mr Miyazawa could do nothing to stop the rise of the yen against the dollar. Their very reluctance to declare open season on Mr Nakasone illustrates that the man who is arguably Japan's most formidable postwar Prime Minister is far from a pushover.



Mr Nakasone taking a dip on the Hawaiian island of Maui before heading home to face a storm over tax reform.

## Guerrilla attacks multiply in Lima

Lima (Reuters) - Left-wing guerrillas attacked ministries, military barracks and several other targets, blacking out much of Peru, and at least one person was killed in the resulting crossfire.

Residents reported explosions in several Lima suburbs and the blackout lasted for more than four hours. Security forces opened fire in several areas of the capital city of six million people.

The attacks came less than two weeks before the seventh anniversary of the anti-government insurgency by Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas, which has claimed almost 10,000 lives.

## Kim's plans

Peking (Reuters) - President Kim Il Sung of North Korea plans to visit China soon for the first time in five years in order to restore balance to his country's relations with Peking and Moscow.

## Fire fight

Moscow (Reuters) - Six hundred paratroopers were helping firemen to fight fires raging out of control in eastern Siberia, which have destroyed 12,500 acres of forest and affected agriculture east of Lake Baikal.

## China trip

Peking (Reuters) - President Zhivkov of Bulgaria arrived in Peking for a six-day official visit, the third East European leader to come to China this year.

## Warrants out

Milan (Reuters) - Milan magistrates have issued arrest warrants for 25 more people in connection with the crash in 1982 of the Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's biggest private banking failure.

## Girl honoured

Paris (Reuters) - The Croix de Guerre, France's top honour, has been awarded posthumously to Collette Nirouze, a teenage girl soldier who died in action in the Second World War after masquerading as a man to join the French Army.

## Miner jailed

Harare - Shadrack Moyo, a Zimbabwean miner, was sentenced in Bulawayo this week to seven years in jail for trying to dynamite his girlfriend and her four children.

## Campus opens

Lagos (Reuters) - Lagos University is to reopen today, a week after all 15,000 students were sent home as a result of a campus riot.

## Poisoned cup

Peking (AFP) - A Chinese man who had been mixed with industrial alcohol which led to the deaths of seven people and poisoned nearly 2,000 others has been executed in Guangxi province.

## Jail veteran

Karachi (AFP) - Pakistan's Prisoners' Aid Society has taken up the case of Syed Mukhtar, aged 75, who has been held in jail since 1952 without being charged or produced before a court.

## Pole feat

Paris (Reuters) - Two Frenchmen, Nicolas Hulot, a radio journalist, and Hubert de Chevigny, an engineer, have reached the magnetic North Pole by ultra-light aircraft, or microlight, the radio station France Inter reported.

## Ivory seized

Dar es Salaam (Reuters) - Tanzanian police have seized 224 elephant tusks in the southern port of Mtwara. Trading in ivory has been banned in order to help preserve the dwindling elephant population.

## Hong Kong narrows press law definitions

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

The backdown of the British-dominated Hong Kong Government over a controversial new press law is being attributed here to Sir David Wilson, the new Governor, who is known to value good relations with the media.

The amendment to the Public Order Law, passed recently by the Legislative Council, would have made it a crime to disseminate "false news" in a manner prejudicial to civil tranquility. The Government refused to reconsider the amendment but narrowed its definition of "false news" and gave informal assurances that it was very unlikely the law would ever be invoked.

This has not satisfied some political activists in the media and legal professions, who still believe the legislation, intended to gag the press when the Government finds it necessary. Privately, some see it as a good sign that Sir David



Sir David Wilson: assisting good media relations.

has used his position to counter-balance the more disciplinary attitudes of Mr Michael Thomas, the Attorney-General.

The episode is the latest in a series of cases where the Hong Kong Government, worried about security in the period up to the reversion of sovereignty over the British territory to China in 1997, has apparently over-reacted

## Chissano wins with quiet diplomacy

By Paul Valley

Outside Mozambique some doubt was raised about the efficacy of Joaquim Chissano when he took over as President last year after Samora Machel was killed in a mysterious aircraft crash over South African territory.

It was indeed a hard act to follow. Machel was a flamboyant and charismatic character, a dramatic populist and a figure of some substance on the international stage. His personal characteristics were commonly believed to be a vital factor in holding the nation just on the right side of the line between order and chaos in a region which is notoriously unstable.

The doubts were over whether Mr Chissano, a quietly-spoken and modest man whose strengths were intellectual and administrative, would prove strong enough to hold together the fragile nation which was at that time facing

its most severe threat ever from the South-African backed rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance who seemed poised to cut the country in two and establish a coastal bridgehead.

In the event the fears proved groundless. In less than 12 months President Chissano has chalked up a significant number of successes. Western observers in Maputo now talk admiringly of his astute work with the other frontline states in putting pressure upon neighbouring Malawi, which is seen as a client state of Pretoria.

Exercising the skills of quiet diplomacy which he had built over the past decade as Mozambique's Foreign Minister he appears to have achieved the kind of resolute action from President Banda which eluded Machel in his threats to station missiles along their mutual border.

With South Africa too he has pursued a policy of avoiding confrontation. Despite his nominal Marxism he has continued Machel's policies of dealing with the International Monetary Fund and now seems to enjoy the prospect of a major aid package from Western donors and the World Bank which is the corollary of IMF recognition.

Already the United States has offered substantial emergency aid of some \$75 million. "He is extremely pragmatic. He talks of economics without any of the Marxist theorizing. He is firm on South Africa without seeking a confrontation he knows he can only lose. He may lack Machel's cha-

risms but in the end his considered approach and his sophisticated charm may prove more successful," said one diplomat.

President Chissano, aged 47, is a longstanding member of the Frelimo establishment which he joined as a university student in Portugal before independence. He was for some time the private secretary to the founder of the movement, Eduardo Mondlane, and was the country's first Prime Minister in the transitional government between the end of colonial rule and independence.

His early speeches as President have been tough on the question of crushing the MNR rebels, without compromise, and liberal on economic issues. He has emphasized the importance of developing agriculture in Mozambique and of building an economy in which private international firms can flourish and be allowed to repatriate their profits.

## Russians suffer serious defeat in Afghanistan

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Russian troops fighting Muslim guerrillas in Afghanistan have suffered what Western diplomats yesterday called a "serious defeat" at the hands of a combined force of Mujahidin organizations.

In Nangarhar province close to the border with Pakistan, a band of Mujahidin, reportedly comprising contingents from most of the seven leading groups, attacked a 40-mile caravan carrying weapons and currency belonging to a pro-regime tribal group. In return they were set upon by a force of Russians, who were severely mauled in the ensuing two days of fighting.

According to what Western diplomats yesterday called a "reliable diplomatic source", 50 Russian troops were killed and 28 captured. Two helicopters were downed, one of which limped back as far as Jalalabad, hoping to make it to the airfield, before crashing in the city itself.

Another diplomat "of un-

tested reliability" spoke of another two helicopters being downed in the Nangarhar area of the same province.

In the neighbouring province of Kunar, the capital Asadabad was reported by diplomats in Delhi yesterday as being virtually under siege by Mujahidin, and being rocked every night.

Other heavy fighting was reported from Wardak province, where the provincial capital of Maidanshar has been deserted by most of its residents, who have fled to Kabul 25 miles away.

Not everything went the way of the rebels however. The Kabul media reported that as a result of a tip-off from villagers the regime forces were able to seize a stock of "US-made surface-to-surface missiles" in Chaghara, which were to have been launched at the capital during the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the Saur Revolution.



# Apartheid's grey area

As South Africa goes to the polls, all eyes are on Hillbrow, a unique district of Johannesburg with a multiracial populace.  
By Michael Hornsby

Today Willie Meyer, an African in his sixties and a life-long supporter of South Africa's ruling National Party (NP), will vote instead for the extreme right-wing Conservative Party (CP) at the whites-only general election — probably the most important election since the NP came to power in 1948.

"I voted for the Nats for 39 years, and now I have to live like this," complains Meyer, the caretaker of a quiet, clean block of flats in Johannesburg's bustling Hillbrow district, as he gestures towards the neighbouring block which shares a party wall with his own.

Washing dangles over the parapets of the small stone balconies stacked like open drawers up one wing of the building, and above the parapets black and brown heads move to and fro. African voices and laughter drift across. Less than two years ago, only whites lived there. Now they have all moved out.

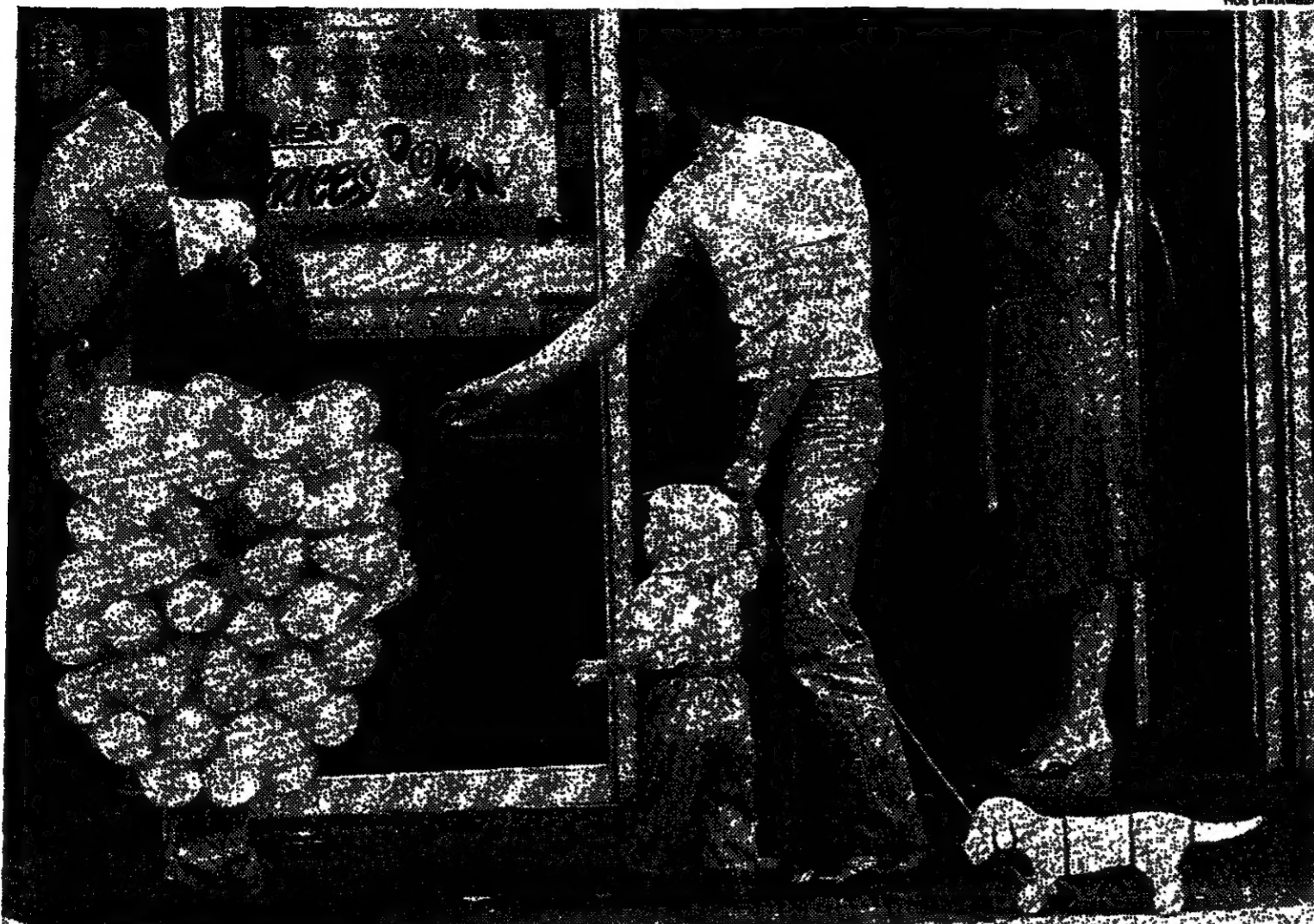
Already the overcrowded building, with six or seven people to a room, shows early signs of becoming a slum. "The drinking, shouting and music-playing are unbearable," Meyer grumbles.

Meyer is under orders from the estate agents who manage his block to let flats there only to whites. Yet he seems to sense that his is a losing battle to halt the tide of history, economics and demography. "I can't see them ever turning the clock back," he says gloomily. "I don't care which party wins this election, they'll never be able to make Hillbrow white again."

It is not only the poorest parts of Hillbrow that are being taken over. Four out of every five tenants are now reckoned to be coloured, Indian or black African in Hillbrow, a newish 27-storey high-rise on Pretoria Street, the district's main thoroughfare, where one- and two-bedroomed flats cost between 250 rand (£75) and 355 rand (£109) a month to rent.

Near the entrance to the block, a noticeboard advertises job and flat vacancies. A few mention race — "Cashier/receptionist (European lady) wanted", "Furnished room. Cooking facilities. Sorry, no blacks". The point is not that racism is still alive, but rather that a statement of, or even an apology for, racial preference is now felt to be needed. Not long ago, black applicants would have been out of the question.

Hillbrow is a square mile of flats, shops, restaurants, street cafes, bars, nightclubs, strip joints and shabby hotels, some of them thinly disguised brothels where prostitutes of all shades ply their trade. It aspires to be a Soho or a Greenwich Village, where strait-laced Calvinist South Africa lets down its hair.



Candyfloss dreams on Pretoria Street: driven out of the homelands by poverty, blacks are taking over the city property vacated by anxious whites

About 62,000 people live in the districts of Hillbrow and Berea (which together form the Hillbrow electoral constituency) and neighbouring Joubert Park. Of these, it is conservatively estimated that 9,000 are mixed-race coloureds, 6,000 Indians and 5,000 black Africans, all of them technically illegal residents in what is supposedly still an exclusively white "group area".

Over the past two or three years the government has simply given up trying to enforce the Group Areas Act, the basic law providing for residential segregation, in the Hillbrow area. Coloureds and Indians came first, black Africans joining the illegal inflow in greater numbers after the abolition last June of "influx control", under which all blacks outside the rural tribal homelands had to carry a pass proving their right to be there.

It is partly a simple matter of supply and demand. For most of the past quarter of a century the government, as deliberate policy, has built almost no new housing in Soweto or in the other "townships" in the region set aside for black occupation, to discourage blacks from moving to them from the tribal homelands. But they came anyway, driven by poverty and unemployment.

As a result, a huge housing shortage now exists in black, and to a lesser extent coloured and Indian, townships, which for the past two years have also been torn apart by unrest. But in white areas, especially in city-centre districts like Hillbrow, accommodation is falling vacant as

whites leave for what they consider to be safer and more salubrious outlying suburbs.

"A lot of absentee landlords don't much care who lives in their properties provided they get their money," says Leon de Beer, the personable 28-year-old government candidate in Hillbrow. "You can't just throw these black people out when there is no alternative accommodation, like the right-wingers want. But if you simply scrap the Group Areas Act, what about the other things that go with it like schools and hospitals?"

Abolition of the Act is the policy of the party to which de Beer formerly belonged, the liberal Progressive Federal Party (PFP), whose 68-year-old sitting MP, Alf Widman, has held the Hillbrow constituency since 1974. Today's election, however, is the first one in which the PFP's support will be tested in a constituency where so many white voters have actual experience of racial mixing: the last general election was in 1981, before the black inflow to Hillbrow had become significant.

Widman contends that the government's plan is to let Hillbrow become a "guinea pig" open zone, an overcrowded, crime-ridden disaster area which can then be held up as a warning to other white municipalities flirting with multi-racialism. He claims that repeated requests to Pretoria for more police

to patrol the streets at night and control crime, both black and white, have been ignored.

Elderly whites, many of them Jewish, living on modest annuities and pensions, are the most stable element in Hillbrow's otherwise largely transient population. Most of them cannot afford to move elsewhere, and many say they feel trapped in their flats, unable to go out at night for fear of being mugged or robbed. They are clearly worried by the pace of the black influx.

Recently arrived immigrants, Italian, Portuguese, Greek and German, are another important part of the population, and inclined to be conservative.

Most of the rest are young single whites of both sexes attracted by the area's jazzy lifestyle, central location and the relative cheapness of rented accommodation. They tend to be the most relaxed about race relations, but also the least likely to have bothered to register as voters.

Hillbrow also boasts a substantial homosexual population, big enough to sustain its own monthly newspaper, *Exit*, which is distributed free in local bookshops. Its personal ads are explicit and uninhibitedly multi-racial ("English guy, tall, blonde, with no hang-ups, would like to meet easy-going black guys"). *Exit* approached all the candidates in the constituency for their views on homosexual rights. De Beer, impressed by the potential

of the gay vote, gave the quickest and most positive response, earning him an enthusiastic write-up in the paper. Widman was evasive ("Old Prog Waffles"), while Gaye Derby-Lewis, the formidable Australian-born woman running for the CP, was wholly hostile, in line with her party's policy.

Although hardly a typical white constituency, Hillbrow is the most advanced example of urban racial integration in the country, so the way whites vote there will be closely watched. President Botha's stubborn refusal to abandon the Group Areas Act is one of the main reasons why many reform-minded Afrikaners who previously supported the government have recently parted company with it. It is central to the government's political philosophy to neutralize the numerical superiority of blacks by guaranteeing group rather than individual rights. Recent remarks by Adrian Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, suggest Pretoria would rather see Hillbrow re-zoned as a black area than officially opened to all races.

The local hospital is already used mainly by blacks, and the number of pupils at the whites-only schools is falling off. Gaye Derby-Lewis, who has drawn quite large crowds of pensioners and immigrants to her meetings, has no doubt about the way things are going. "If we lose this election," she says, "Hillbrow will be black within six months. The reason the CP is growing so fast is because people smell a rat."

## How the butler did it

Actor Edward Duke brings Bertie Wooster and Jeeves back to the West End tonight — with a little help from his friend, Mr John

It is not often that you push open the stage door of a West End theatre to be greeted by a butler, deferentially respectful in wing collar and tails. "How kind of you to call," he said, minutely crooking the left elbow and indicating, with a low sweep of the right arm, the route ahead. "Perhaps you would like to attend to the photographs first?" Any moment now, I suspected, Edward Duke, virtuoso actor extraordinaire, would inquire whether his newly-arrived interviewer cared for a bath and change before dinner.

John Cawston watched this performance with furrowed brow. "I think perhaps, Edward, that I would have had the hands loosely joined behind the back and then, like so, the gentle gesture with the right palm..."

Tonight, on the stage of Wyndham's Theatre, Edward Duke returns for his second one-man stint in London as both P.G. Wodehouse's amiable upper-crust wit, Bertie Wooster, and his most famous of all literary gentlemen in *Jeeves Takes Charge*, with a highly successful tour throughout the English-speaking world in the same twin roles sandwiched between his two London appearances.

The critically-acclaimed 33-year-old Duke is, however, the first to admit that he is merely an actor. Whereas his friend, John Cawston, is unquestionably the real thing.

Born into a family which boasted butler, footman and full household staff, Cawston — or Mr John, as he prefers to be known — crossed the great social divide in 1940, to become valet to an MP, Robert Bernays; he later served Lady Delamere and Lord Beauchamp and then, as proprietor of his own service school, re-crossed the threshold of the green baize door to be again waited upon by his students.

"My mother sold our house and went to live with her grandchildren in America, so I found myself with nowhere to live. That's when I saw Mr Bernays's advertisement, so I decided to give it a go," Cawston explains. "I had no real experience except that I had worked with a cleaning firm, where I had learned to fold clothes, and did a short

time as second footman to Lady Burnham."

It was after he retired and was "keeping his hand in" as voluntary manservant to Duke's friend Derek Nimmo that the two men met for the first time. The meeting came four years after Duke first opened at the Lyric, Hammersmith, moving later the same year to the West End, so it was too late to influence his early portrayals of Wodehouse's immortal duo. "But as soon as I got to know him I realized that he was, in every possible way, the perfect Jeeves," Duke says. "He'll be in the audience on the first night this time around and I've already been warned that if I persist in holding the drinks tray in my right hand he'll have something to say to me after the show."

Even when Duke is playing the part of Wooster, Cawston's eyes will be watching his every move. "Being an employer is just as difficult as being in service," explained Mr John. "You can be friendly but must never be too familiar. I'm afraid the Americans are terribly bad at it. They always want to be buddies with their servants, you see, and after that happens the proper relationship can never be restored. Wooster was born into it, of course, and knew exactly how to behave."

Duke is not entirely without experience of drawing-room ethics himself: as the son of a diplomat, his childhood memories are of a house always full of staff. As though to demonstrate this pedigree, Duke chucked the copy of *The Times* he uses on stage and presented it with awe-inspiring civility to his mentor.

Cawston was far from impressed. "Not like that," he said severely. "A newspaper should always be folded in four with the title uppermost. And don't forget that, when serving drinks, it is only permissible to have the thumb above the tray when you are in danger of being jostled in a crowded room — otherwise all fingers should be beneath."

"Oh dear," said Duke — and promised he would try to remember.

William Greaves

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## Power to the people

An engineer with a 'bad accent and crazy ideas' — Dr Alexander Kalina (left) — has perfected a way to give us cheaper electricity

A new way of running power stations that could mean cheaper electricity for all has this week been given the go-ahead in California. If it works, American experts claim that it would represent "the most important development in power station design for 100 years". In Britain alone, it could cut the Central Electricity Generating Board's annual fuel bill by £1 billion.

The new "energy cycle" is the brainchild of Dr Alexander Kalina, an expatriate Soviet engineer now living in Houston, Texas. Steam generators are, at best, only 38 per cent efficient at converting fuel into power, Kalina claims; he can improve that to over 50 per cent. The equipment involved can be fitted to any power station and would pay for itself in less than two years.

Needless to say, Kalina has not found it easy to convince the world that he is talking sense. "It's no wonder," he says with a shrug. "For years they work hard to squeeze just a few per cent extra power. Then out of nowhere comes this guy with a bad accent who says his way of building a power plant gets this crazy saving."

For a hundred years power stations have used the Rankine power cycle, formulated in 1849. This drives turbines with steam which is then condensed and returned to the water boiler for re-use. But it can only operate at the boiling point of water, whether the furnace goes on blazing fiercely or is damped down.

"My cycle uses an old

trick," Kalina says. "Instead of water, I use a mixture of 70 per cent ammonia gas and 30 per cent water. As you heat this, the temperature rises steadily as the volatile ammonia vaporizes first, and the boiler mixture gets richer in water." Overall there is a better match between furnace and boiler, and that means less heat is thrown away in the cooling towers and smoke stack.

But there is a snag. Until Kalina came along, nobody could condense this mixture to complete the cycle. Kalina's "very crafty pipework", three complex interconnecting cooling cycles, appears to have succeeded. Engineers who initially scoffed at the whole idea are now changing their tune.

Ernest Zabolotny, an engineer with the Stone and Webster Corporation of Boston, world-famous builders of power plants, says: "Gains from conventional ideas for improving power stations have been as elusive as the Cheshire cat. The Kalina cycle looks nice and simple, but its potential is immense."

Ammonia gas is safe to handle and should be environmentally acceptable, even if there were a major leak to the atmosphere. The gas rapidly dissolves in moisture and would quickly convert to ammonium nitrate, which farmers already spread on their land as a fertilizer.

At a recent London briefing, British engineers were impressed. "What we've seen today are the benefits of the new cycle," said Dr Mike

More of the Central Electricity Research Laboratories.

"What we need to see are the snags and how to deal with them, and you only discover those when you build a pilot plant. We are certainly interested."

The six and a half megawatt pilot plant just given the go-ahead in America will provide that practical experience — the \$8 million plant should fire up by mid-1988 at Canoga Park in Los Angeles.

Kalina is convinced that the cycle's cash savings will lead to its worldwide adoption. "When I try to estimate the world fuel cost savings possible, I get figures so big that I can't imagine them."

Keith Hindley

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## Divisional Court

## Council can object over premises

**London Borough of Haringey v Sandhu and Another**  
Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Roch  
[Judgment May 5]

A local authority was entitled to raise objections relating to suitability and condition of premises on an application for the transfer of a justices' licence, and a licensing committee had a discretion to take into account those matters, subject to the proviso that those matters were only relevant to the extent of deciding the suitability of the proposed transferee.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in answering two questions in the affirmative in an appeal by way of case stated by the London Borough of Haringey against the decision of the Haringey Justices on May 30, 1986 in granting a transfer licence for off-licence premises at 90 Trinity Road, Wood Green, London.

Mr Gerald Gouriet for Haringey; Mr Duncan Ouseley as *amicus curiae*.

**LORD JUSTICE MAY** said on May 30, 1986 the justices heard an application to transfer a justices' off-licence. The applicants were two residents of Slough and the original licence had been granted by the justices of the old division on October 3, 1967 and had been renewed annually and was in force until

April 4, 1987. By virtue of the Local Government Act 1985 the Haringey licensing justices became the relevant licensing authority.

The applicants were granted a protection order authorizing them to sell intoxicating liquor pending the application to transfer. The existing licensee consented to the applicants' application for a transfer.

However, the London Borough of Haringey indicated an objection (by a letter dated May 13, 1986) to the transfer on the grounds of various alleged contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (SI 1970 No 1172) and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Haringey was, however, prepared to withdraw its objections if the applicants were prepared to undertake to remedy the contraventions alleged.

At the hearing before the justices Haringey contended it was entitled to raise its objections relating to the suitability and condition of the premises. The applicants for the licence contended the licence committee were not so entitled on the basis that such considerations were irrelevant.

The justices concluded those considerations were not relevant and that they were not entitled to hear the objections

and were limited to satisfying themselves as to the suitability of the applicants to hold a licence. They therefore granted the transfer.

The relevant statutory provision was section 3 of the Licensing Act 1964 which provided:

"(1) Licensing justices may grant a justices' licence to any such person, not disqualified under this or any other Act for holding a justices' licence, as they think fit and proper.

"(2) A justices' licence may be granted as a new licence or by way of renewal, transfer or ... removal."

Having regard to the width and generality of that provision, counsel for the local authority submitted the section gave justices a wide discretion in circumstances such as those that faced the justices in the instant case.

Mr Ouseley, who appeared as *amicus curiae* at the request of the court, submitted that section 3 did not make the condition of premises a relevant consideration.

His Lordship found it incumbent on justices under section 3 when considering applications for transfer to consider whether the transferee was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

In the case of a transfer, as distinct from an application for

the grant, renewal or removal of a licence where, *ex hypothesi*, premises had already been licensed, then justices had merely to consider who should be licensed.

Thus the condition of premises was relevant only to the extent of the applicant's attitude to dealing with any possible problems might indicate whether he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence. The decision of *R v Edmondson Licensing Justices Ex parte Baker and Another* (1983) 1 WLR 1000 showed justices could not impose conditions or require undertakings on the transfer of a licence.

His Lordship also agreed with the submission of Mr Ouseley that the Licensing Act 1964 could not be used as a means of enforcement of statutory requirements outside the licensing field.

His Lordship therefore accepted that the justices were wrong to refuse to hear the local authority's objections but only to the extent that they would have been relevant to the limited extent of deciding whether the proposed transferees were suitable individuals to hold a justices' licence.

Mr Justice Roch agreed. Solicitors: Mr T. R. B. Tienay, Wood Green; Treasury Solicitor.

**Crestar Ltd v Carr and Another**  
Before Lord Justice Fox and Mr Justice Sheldon  
[Judgment May 1]

The condition in the Joint Construction Tribunal (JCT) Minor Works Building Contract form concerning the reference of disputes between the employer and the building contractor to arbitration was not rendered ineffective by the issue of the architect's final certificate in respect of the amount owed under the contract.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Crestar Ltd, from a decision of Sir Douglas Frank, QC, whereby, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, he upheld the order of the Chelmsford District Registrar for a stay of proceedings against the defendants, Mr Michael John Carr and Mrs Joy Carr.

Mr Philip Engelman for the plaintiffs; Mr John Powles for the defendants.

**LORD JUSTICE FOX** said that the plaintiffs were a firm of building contractors. By a contract of November 1, 1984 they contracted with the defendants to carry out works at their house in Essex.

The contract, in the JCT Minor Works Contract form,

provided by condition 9 "(i) Any defects ... or other faults which appear within three months of the date of practical completion and are due to materials or workmanship not in accordance with the contract ... shall be made good by the contractor ... (ii) The architect shall certify the date when in his opinion the contractor's obligations under this clause shall have been discharged."

By condition 10 "(i) ... the architect ... shall 10 days after the date of practical completion ... certify payment to the contractor of 95 per cent of the total amount to be paid to the contractor under the contract ... and the employer shall pay ... within 14 days ... (iii) the architect ... shall 10 days after the date certified under clause 9(iii) issue a final certificate certifying the amount remaining due to the contractor ... and such sum shall as from the 14th day after the date of the final certificate be a debt payable ... by the employer ..."

By condition 15 "If any dispute or difference concerning this contract shall arise between the employer ... and the contractor such dispute or difference shall be ... referred to the arbitration and final decision of a person to be agreed ... or ... appointed ... by the President ... of the Institute of Arbitrators."

The contractual completion date was February 11, 1985. Practical completion was in fact in June. On October 1 the architect signed a final certificate under condition 10, showing an amount of £39,975 to be due to the builders.

Prior to the final certificate the owners had paid all sums which had been certified, amounting to £77,698.

The owners did not pay the £39,975. On October 22, the builders issued a writ against the owners for that amount. By a letter of November 11 the owners indicated that they desired to seek arbitration under condition 15 *inter alia*, whether the sum was owed.

Accordingly they sought a stay of the proceedings pending arbitration. The registrar granted a stay and the deputy judge dismissed the appeal from that decision.

The builders said that a final certificate could not be reopened by the arbitrator after the expiration of 14 days from the date of the final certificate, contending that at that point a debt was due from the owners and the builders' obligations were discharged.

It seemed to his Lordship that the conditions assumed that before the final certificate was presented to the owners, they would already have been presented with the penultimate certificate and would have paid (or ought to have paid) 95 per cent of the total sum due.

Since the final certificate could not be given under the contract until at least three months and 10 days after practical completion (having regard to the combined operation of conditions 9(ii) and (iii) and 10(iii)), the owner would have known substantially where he stood for quite a lengthy period. He would know that he had paid (or ought to have paid) 95 per cent of the amount due and that any outstanding liability was quite modest.

But what happened in the present case was that on the presentation of the final certificate the owners were being asked to pay, not 5 per cent of the total cost of the works, but nearly 30 per cent.

The contention that in those circumstances the owners had only 14 days in which to pay the £39,975 failing which an uncontested and non-arbitrable debt arose was quite contrary to the structure and intent of the contract.

That result would be oppressive and could not have been intended. The amount was substantial and expert advice (in addition to that of the architect) might be necessary before the owners could decide what to do.

Fourteen days could not possibly be adequate time to meet such a situation. That was not surprising. The contract was never intended to deal with such facts and condition 10 was quite inappropriate to deal with them.

Furthermore, the builders were not right in their submissions as to the effect of the contract in a case where the conditions had been precisely followed.

The ambit of condition 15 in the present contract was a matter of construction of the contract itself. The condition contained no limitations in time as to the reference of disputes to

arbitration. It was unrestricted as to time, though it would be subject to any time bars imposed by the Limitation Acts.

Having regard to the width of the arbitration provision and absence of any express provision as to the conclusiveness of certificates, his Lordship was not prepared to infer that the parties intended to prevent the owners referring matters to arbitration after the end of the 14-day period.

Important defects in work or materials which were not apparent upon reasonable inspection prior to the expiration of the 14 days might become apparent later, indeed something might come to light during the 14 days on which it was necessary for the owners to get expert advice (which might take time) before deciding whether there was an arbitrable matter or not.

There was no reason why any such matter should not be within the arbitration condition, subject to the provisions of the Limitation Acts.

Nor was there any reason, in principle, why an arbitration provision should not continue to subsist for the purpose of determining whether the provisions of the contract had been duly performed or not, even though the contract itself might have come to an end: see *Masull and Boyd, Commercial Arbitration* (1982) 198.

In his Lordship's opinion, there was a dispute between the parties within the provisions of the arbitration condition and no event had happened to prevent the owners from exercising the right which they had on the face of condition 15 to refer the matter to arbitration.

Mr Justice Sheldon delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Kenneth Beavis & Co., Chelmsford; Wilkinson Kimbors.

## Justices erred in dismissing action on holding date

**Regina v Lewes Magistrates Court ex parte Oldfield**  
Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Roch  
[Judgment May 5]

Justices erred in dismissing 42 summonses laid under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and a tree preservation order when the prosecution and defence had been informed in advance that the date was a "holding date" on which a date for trial would be fixed.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in judicial review proceedings brought by the Lewes District Council, but in view of delay in the case, the court exercised its discretion and refused the application.

Mr Paul Ashwell for Lewes District Council; Mr Mark Lowe for the defendants.

**LORD JUSTICE MAY** said the case was a most unfortunate one. The relevant facts were that on a site near Lewes Race Course there were 14 trees subject to a tree preservation order.

In August 1985, someone acting on someone else's instructions dumped builders' material round the trunks of some or all of the trees. The view taken by those experienced in such matters was that the trees could have been destroyed and consequently on October 10, 1985 informations were laid against Lefore Holdings Ltd alleging offences under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and the tree preservation order.

The informations were laid against the company as a Mr Trundell, a director, had told the council the land belonged to the company.

It subsequently transpired that the land was in fact conveyed to Mr Trundell himself and a Mr Nash who was a business associate. In the result further summonses were served on Mr Trundell and Mr Nash.

There were then various adjournments. Eventually, as a result of the lack of activity the court listed the case of its own motion for April 30, 1986 and it was made clear to all the parties that the date was a holding date on which a date for trial was to be fixed.

On that date an application was made on behalf of the defendants to dismiss the case for want of prosecution. Understandably, but wrongly, the justices overrode their own indication and dismissed the summonses.

It was in respect of that action by the justices that this application for judicial review was brought. Although the justices erred in dismissing the summonses, his Lordship found there had been undue delay in bringing the judicial review proceedings.

The relevant provisions were contained in Order 53, rule 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and section 31(6) of the Supreme Court Act 1981. The council made its application for judicial review eight days within the three-month limitation period. In the instant case, the delay was too long and it was not a sufficient reason to say that there had been business pressures.

Mr Justice Roch delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Sherwood & Co for Mr P. Oldfield, Lewes; John Healey & Co, Lewes.

## Beneficiaries case fails

**Hayim and Another v Citibank NA and Another**

A beneficiary had no cause of action against a third party save in special circumstances which embraced a failure, excusable or inexcusable, by the trustees in the performance of the duty owed by them to the beneficiary to protect the trust estate or to protect the interests of the beneficiary in the trust estate.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Sir Robert Megarry) so held on May 5 in dismissing an appeal by the testator's sons, Joseph Hayim Hayim and George Isaac Hayim, against the decision of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong who had allowed an appeal by the second defendant, Hong Kong Bank Trustee Ltd, from an order of Deputy Judge Barnett in the High Court of Hong Kong, *inter alia*, that the Hong Kong bank should pay damages for breach of trust in postponing the sale of the testator's house in Hong Kong.

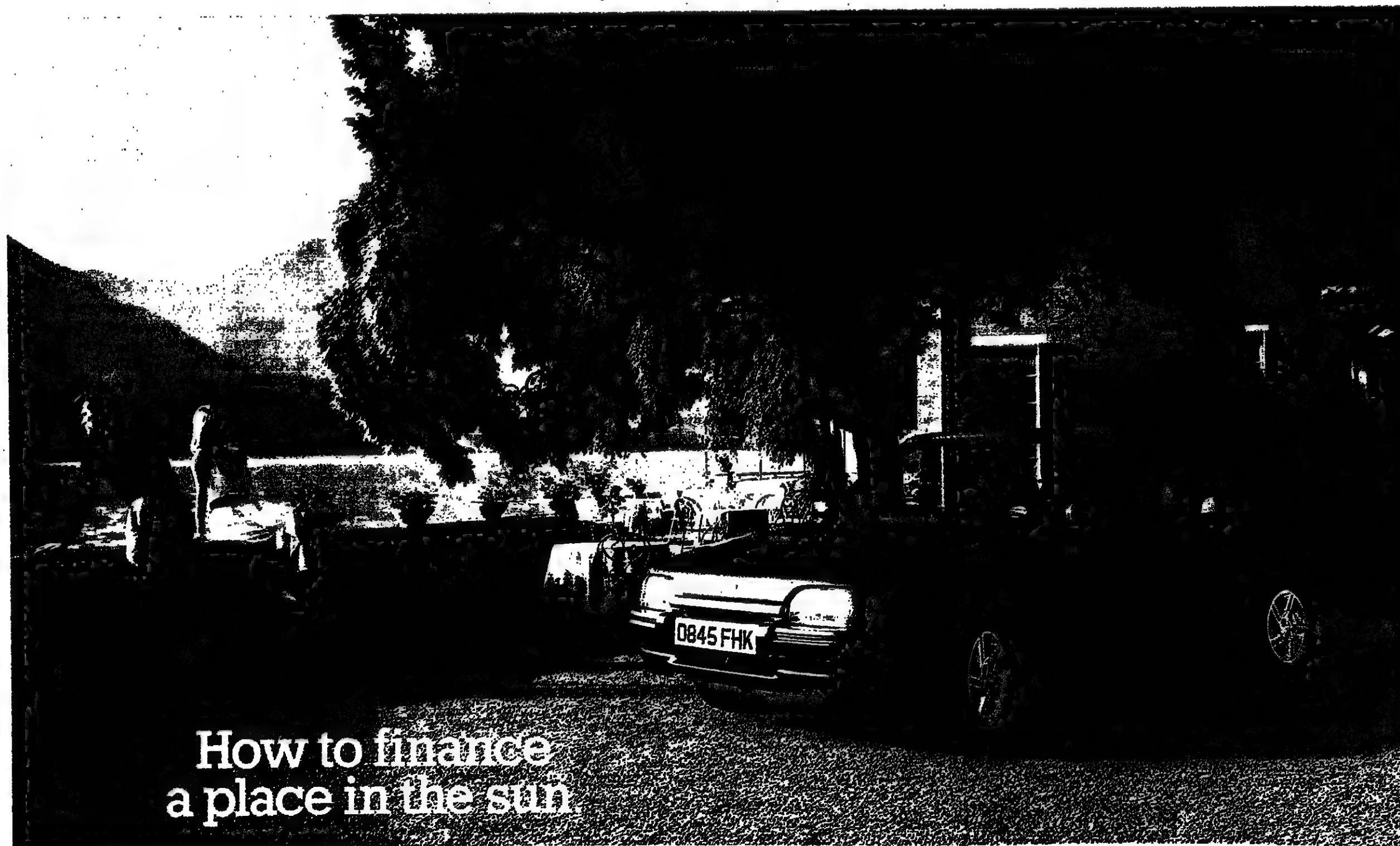
By his Hong Kong will, the testator, Ellis Joseph Hayim, had appointed the Hong Kong bank the executor and trustee of that will and on his death his Hong Kong residue, including the house, became vested in the Hong Kong bank upon trust for

sale for Citibank NA, the executor and trustee of his American will, to be held by Citibank upon the trusts of his American will.

**LORD TEMPLEMAN** said that the authorities, demonstrated that when a trustee committed a breach of trust or was involved in a conflict of interest and duty or in other exceptional circumstances, a beneficiary might be allowed to sue a third party in the place of the trustee. But a beneficiary allowed to take proceedings could not be in a better position than a trustee carrying out his duties in a proper manner.

By his Hong Kong will, the testator conferred on Citibank the power to give instructions binding on the Hong Kong bank to sell or retain the house. By clause 10 of the American will he relieved Citibank from any responsibility to the beneficiaries interested in the American estate in respect of that house.

As a result of clause 10 Citibank did not owe any duty to the beneficiaries and had lawfully instructed the Hong Kong bank to postpone sale even though that was against the interests of the beneficiaries under the American will. The Hong Kong bank had lawfully complied with those instructions and was not liable to those beneficiaries.



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### Looking ahead

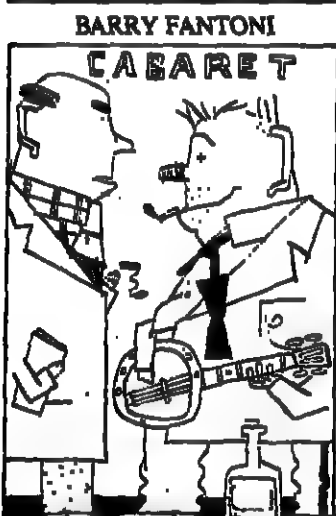
Even before the election date is announced, Mrs Thatcher is taking soundings as to who should succeed Norman Tebbit as chairman. She is being urged to give the job to a strong manager from within Cabinet ranks, for a full five-year term. This will allow the new incumbent three years of hard slog to set the party machine right, and then two more to ensure a fourth term for the Conservatives. And the man most likely to? Norman Fowler, who yesterday announced a national Aids trust, which looked as though it was his DHSS swansong after six years running the department. The other two names mentioned are John Moore, now at Transport, and Kenneth Baker, although he is believed to be too involved with the teachers to take the job.

### Dear Deirdre...

Greenwich Labour Party, still smarting from the loss of the seat to the SDP after holding it for 50 years, will next week choose its candidate for the general election. Nominations close on May 11 with two names before the selection committee so far: left-wing ILEA councillor Deirdre Wood, who lost the March contest, and Jim Gillman, a moderate ex-mayor. Although Wood is anxious to stand again — and is said to be the front runner — some party officials give her little chance of winning. Perhaps, it has been suggested, she should tactfully stand down in favour of Gillman, as Bermondsey loser Peter Tatchell did just before the 1983 general election. Wood, a spokesman says, has no such plans.

### Undercover

A secret airlift financed by Britain and Norway to ferry food to inaccessible areas of Mozambique is to remain under wraps despite the visit to Britain by President Chissano — he dines at No 10 tonight with Princess Anne and the Prime Minister. The organizers are worried that too much publicity would make the light aircraft a target for South-African backed guerrillas. The project, run by Oxfam, ferries food, clothes, seeds and tools into Niassa province, where children have been dying of malnutrition since rebels blew up the railway line a year ago.



### Brum drum

Local unity will take Hugh Montefiore, the former Bishop of Birmingham, to New York on May 18 to attend the ordination into the priesthood of medical practitioner Susan Cole-King. Her father, Leonard Wilson, was appointed Bishop of Birmingham after the war on his return from Singapore, where he had suffered at the hands of the Japanese. "I want to preserve the links with the city", Montefiore told me yesterday. Dr Cole-King, who is 53, wants to contribute to the women's ordination movement in Britain and plans to return here, even though she will be able to take services only as a deacon.

### As it happened

John Stalker was the victim of circumstance, not conspiracy, during his investigations into the RUC's alleged shoot-to-kill policy, according to Peter Taylor's *Stalker* — *The Search for Truth*, the first book about the affair. Taylor claims that the inquiries into Stalker's friendship with Manchester businessman Kevin Taylor were coincidental and not the result of his mission to Northern Ireland. He also regards Stalker's removal and replacement as the RUC investigator by Colin Sampson, West Yorkshire's chief constable, as providential, because Stalker was too dogged for his colleagues. "Sampson appears to have got to the bottom of it," says Taylor.

### And so to Beds

Advertisements now appearing for the new London European Airways, which promises to slash fares on flights to Brussels and Amsterdam, say that from May 22 services will begin from "London's Luton airport". The Advertising Standards Authority was musing on the ad and Luton's geography yesterday: "It depends on where the company is registered." Luton airport director David Bates has always reckoned it is a London airport. "I have no objection at all to LEA saying they fly from London's Luton airport," he says. Well, he would, wouldn't he?

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# Local power to the people

by Timothy Raison

The main aim of the first two Thatcher governments has been to strengthen the economy and the nation's security. In the third, social policy is likely to come increasingly to the fore. At the heart of this will be the relationship between central and local government.

Certain facts have shaped government thinking:

● The phenomenon of the "loony left" — the councils who, by irresponsibility, dotiness and malevolence, have done so much harm to the areas they are meant to serve.

● The belief that local government spending has such a significant impact on overall economic policy that it has to be tightly controlled from the centre.

● The view that many local authorities are bureaucracies which serve the providers rather than the consumers, restrict choice and nurture incompetence.

All these are serious matters. The government is right to seek a way of making more local electors feel the impact of the cost of additional spending. It is also right to point out vigorously the harm some socialist councils are doing. On the other hand, I hope it will not allow the Conservative elec-

tion campaign or party policy to slip into a general hostility to local government or an increasing switch of power to the centre.

We must not forget that many of the Conservatives' most active supporters are committed to local government and that greater centralization could strengthen the baleful impact of any future government of the left.

The story of local government finance in recent years has not been a particularly happy one, as the present Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, would agree. More than once, the DoE has got its legislation wrong — not because of incompetence by officials but because the strains imposed by penalties, targets, rate-capping and so on have been more than the system can bear.

So what should we do now? Obviously the government has to decide how much financial support to give to local government — on a clear-cut system which is not primarily a reflection of past spending. It is also inevitable that the Treasury should keep some

control over capital spending — though I would hope it might allow an increase in the spending of capital receipts. But for revenue expenditure we should put the responsibility more firmly back on the local electorate.

The manifesto will presumably endorse the package of the new community charge on all adults, plus the centrally determined unified business rate. It should also ensure that the local elector, not Whitehall, finally determines how much any council spends.

The other main area where change is in the air is education. On April 27 a *Times* leader talked about a planned education bill which would not only impose national standards on schools but would also "effectively transfer the administration of the service in England and Wales from the 104 local education authorities... to the Department of Education and Science".

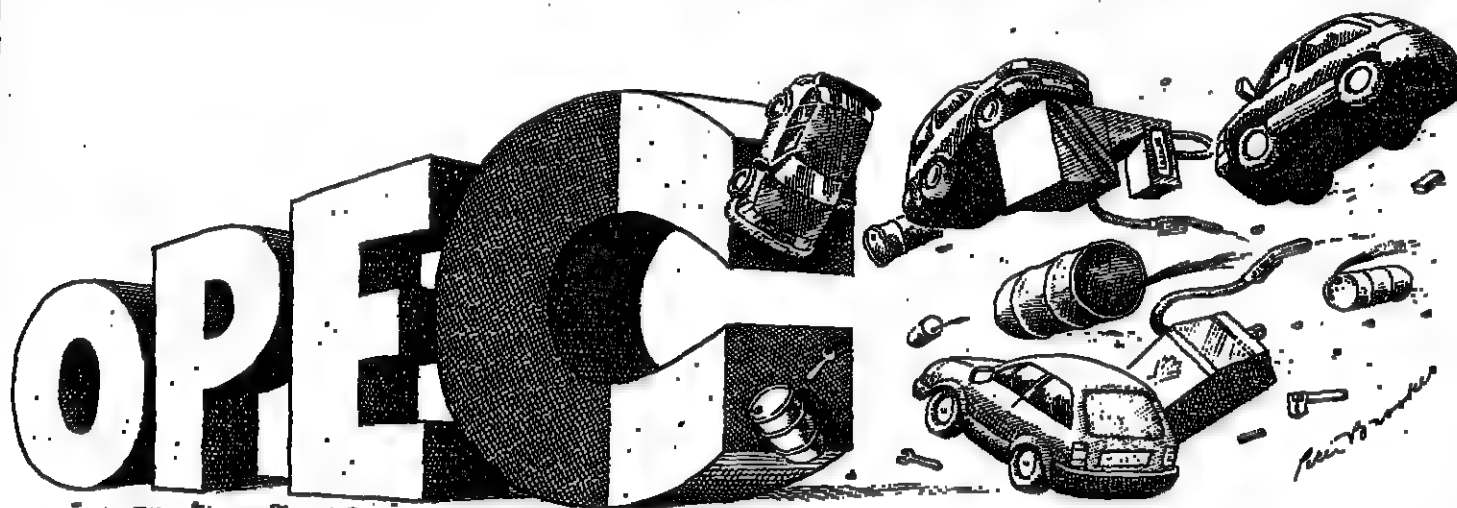
Fortunately, I do not think that Kenneth Baker has in mind quite the *Times* picture of a "centrally administered" system, involving significant powers to individual

schools and governing bodies". He made it clear to me in the Commons on April 28 that local education authorities will continue to manage the system. It would indeed be absurd for central government to try to run the whole thing. Nor should it set out the curriculum in detail (anyway, to a considerable extent the exams determine that). What Mr Baker has to be concerned with is whether the basics are being learned and standards being pushed up rather than down. He does need to look pretty closely over the schools' shoulder — hence the case for regular nationwide testing.

But the crucial point is how best to get local people to tackle their own problems and make their own decisions. For all its weaknesses, local government is a mechanism for doing this — and one that has the legitimacy of elections behind it. Centrally-backed urban development corporations may have some advantages, particularly where they bring more money. But local democracy is essential. The aim of Conservative local government policy should be reinvigoration, not emasculating.

The author is Conservative MP for Aylesbury.

## David Blake explains how the West is playing into Opec's hands



## Why oil prices could take off once again

There are worrying signs that the next decade will see a new move to dearer oil, with perhaps even a new oil shock of the kind which dominated the Seventies. In 1973, the Opec members provided the industrial world with about 67 per cent of its oil. They quadrupled the price. Years of expensive energy forced the western nations to cut demand and boost output.

This year only about 38 to 40 per cent of the West's needs will be provided by the Opec countries, who have had to cut output to hold prices at \$18 a barrel, roughly half the 1981 price. That simple equation, which has fuelled five years of declining oil prices and falling inflation in the West, is starting to go into reverse. By the mid-1990s, Opec will have pushed its way back to supplying half the industrial world's oil needs. By the end of the century, most estimates, such as those of the International Energy Agency, suggest it will be near 65 per cent, virtually the position it held at the time of the first oil shock.

Why has the world moved from famine to glut in the oil market? And why might it move back? The answer to both questions is that markets, or more precisely prices, work very efficiently in the energy sector but take a long and sometimes bumpy road to do so. High prices, rather than government exhortation, have cut demand beyond anyone's expectations.

In 1978 the US expected that the non-communist world would increase its use of oil by a sixth by 1985; in fact, oil use fell nearly 10 per cent to 46 million barrels a day. Part of the difference is accounted for by slower than expected economic growth; most western countries have stayed in recession. And part is due to greater fuel efficiency.

Throughout the late 1970s and early '80s the gas guzzler cars

bought before the oil crisis were slowly wearing out, to be replaced by smaller, more fuel-efficient models. Cheap energy (allowing for inflation, oil is cheaper today than in 1974) is undoing much of the incentive to conserve. In the United States there is strong, possibly irresistible, pressure to raise the 55 mph speed limit.

The latest range of Cadillacs, designed to be fuel efficient, have been a flop in the US because people want something bigger and flashier. Since cars are replaced only slowly it will be the next decade before the average fuel consumption of motor vehicles goes up, even if the present very tentative trends continue. But if oil prices stay low, motor manufacturers will not be under any real pressure to spend money on R & D aimed at reducing fuel consumption. Demand, therefore, seems certain to rise.

What about supply? The last 15 years have seen major oil fields in the West come on stream, in the North Sea, Alaska and Mexico (not a member of Opec). No oil equivalents are in sight for the 1990s. By then, North Sea production will be static or falling as we shall be suffering the consequences of the big cuts now being made in exploration. By the time new fields are proven and developed the price may be up to a level

which makes them profitable; but that does not help oil companies now with shareholders concerned about declining profits.

Taken together, rising demand and falling non-Opec production is bound to increase our demand for Opec oil from just under 16 million barrels a day (the current Opec quota) to between 21 and 23 million barrels a day by 1990.

How will they respond? The Opec countries have had to impose production cuts to hold the line on prices. If they had not, the oil price might have fallen well below \$10 a barrel last year and stayed there. The Opec nations as a whole are now underproducing by about one third, mostly because Saudi Arabia has cut its production. By 1990, on existing trends, they will be up to 80 per cent of capacity. That is the same figure as in 1973 and is crucial to the cartel's power. At 80 per cent of capacity Opec no longer needs to impose production cuts. The key Middle Eastern states which have more than enough money, most notably Saudi Arabia, can regulate their output without needing to worry about the other Opec members.

In the middle part of this decade it was the desperate need for cash of countries such as Nigeria which prevented Opec holding the line. Because they were unwilling (or their bankers' demands made them unable) to hold down out-

put, Opec quotas were meaningless. By the start of the next decade, the balance will have shifted in Opec's favour so much that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates will together be able to have a major effect on prices.

The most comfortable way for them to use that power would be to edge prices up gently and steadily, giving the West time to adjust and the producing nations the chance to prepare their economies for extra money more effectively than they did last time. Life for the energy consuming countries of the West would be uncomfortable, since they would be faced with constant pressure on living standards. But it would avoid the price shocks of 1973 and 1979.

The trouble is that commodity markets often do not work that way. The cost comes in the form of huge investments which, once undertaken, produce the raw materials at a very low marginal cost. It costs only about \$1 a barrel to pump oil from Opec countries, so prices tend to stay low as long as there is any spare capacity. But as the industry nears the limits of what existing fields can produce (or are allowed to produce), prices can suddenly shoot up. That is the real danger of the position into which we are drifting once more.

At some point in the next decade the Middle East Opec countries will have the power to send prices soaring if they turn off the tap. What would persuade them to do that is anybody's guess. In 1973 it was opposition to a common enemy — Israel. In 1979 it was a side effect of a war among themselves — between Iran and Iraq. It might be that next time they will observe total self-restraint. But we are wise to give them such power that they will have to?

## World Jewry's 'thank you' to Hungary

Budapest When the World Jewish Congress begins its Budapest tour today, thoughts will dwell not on those attending but those who are not — the 600,000 Hungarian Jews killed by the Nazis in 1944, more than two thirds of the country's Jewish population.

Since the war, Moscow and the Soviet bloc countries have adopted a hostile attitude towards Israel and, in many cases, practised anti-Semitism at home. With the exception of Romania, none of the Eastern European countries shares diplomatic relations with Israel. The decision, therefore, for the World Jewish Congress to hold its executive meeting in Budapest is a brave exercise in strengthening ties between Jews, inside and outside the Soviet bloc.

The WJC has taken risks in the past. For its annual meeting three years ago it chose Vienna, where that same week Friedrich Frischenschlager, then Austrian defence minister, shook hands with a convicted Nazi war criminal on his repatriation to Austria from Italy.

The World Jewish Congress broke up in dismay, its delegates haunted by the imagery of the past transposed to the present by a combination of crassness and Austrian political ineptitude. There could have been no more vivid a reminder of Central Europe's, and in particular Vienna's, role in establishing and developing anti-Semitism. But undaunted by this the WJC is back in Central Europe once again.

The two-day meeting in Budapest will be a different matter. First, unlike the Viennese, the



Wallenberg: statue to a wartime hero



Waldheim: 'Produce all the evidence' demand

Hungarians have never tried either to forget or to denounce the vital part the Jews played in their country's cultural life before the war. Even during the early years of the Second World War, the Hungarian authorities, under their Regent, Admiral Horthy, strove to protect the Jewish population, though in 1944, when Hungary was occupied by German troops and he was powerless, he was forced to transport them to the gas chambers in Poland.

Before then, Jews had formed the backbone of Budapest's economic and cultural life — so much so that before the war the city was often referred to as "Jew Budapest". Today Hungary is the most tolerant of the Soviet bloc countries towards its Jewish population.

Although Romania has formal diplomatic ties with Israel, President Ceausescu's government has developed in official journals a

sinister appetite for anti-Semitic literature. In Hungary, there is no official anti-Semitism, though some sociologists claim there are slight traces to be found among older citizens of Budapest. But unlike Austria, such traces are so self-effacing as to be invisible to the casual visitor and are easily overshadowed by the Hungarians' record of preserving Jewish culture. At present there are 136 functioning synagogues in Hungary and 26 rabbis. Moreover, Hungary is the only country in Eastern Europe which maintains a rabbinical seminary. This institution has trained about ten rabbis a year for the last decade.

There can be no doubt that the survival and official encouragement of this institution is partly the reason why the WJC is meeting in Budapest. The organizers may also have been encouraged by an event to be held

in the city this month: the unveiling of a commemorative statue to Count Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of about 100,000 Hungarian Jews during the war and was arrested, never to reappear, when the Red Army occupied Budapest. The statue, which has been expensively carved by one of Hungary's leading sculptors, will be unveiled as a memorial as much to Hungarian Jewry as to the brave Swede.

Despite these positive gestures, today's meeting will again be clouded by memories of the war; in particular, the alleged involvement in military atrocities of President Waldheim of Austria. Werner Nachmann, the WJC delegate representing West Germany, has announced his determination to see that the Congress publish its evidence against Dr Waldheim. "All the documents must be placed on the table. Until now we have seen nothing concrete," he told journalists at the weekend.

Nachmann is supported by many Jews in the Congress who fear a new backlash of anti-Semitism since the recent order by the US Justice Department that Waldheim would not be allowed into the United States.

The lavish hospitality of the Hungarians will doubtless make all the factions of the WJC feel more at home in Budapest than in Vienna, and the cloud which has hung over relations between Jews and Soviet bloc countries will have been partly dispelled by the time they leave Budapest at the end of the week.

Richard Bassett

Woodrow Wyatt

## The true cost of Trident

Last Sunday Neil Kinnock said that today's white paper on defence will be another chapter in the Tories' "hidden manifesto". He declared: "They will pretend they can go on buying Trident and still afford to keep up our defences. They know that such a programme is a falsehood." Simultaneously the Bradford School of Peace Studies (no prizes for guessing whose side that is on) said that the cost of Trident is so great that the production of non-Trident defence equipment will be cut by half by 1990.

David Owen is anxious not to offend Liberal nuclear disarmers, in a majority at the last Liberal conference, but fears the obloquy of sounding like the CND. His compromise is to cancel Trident because the nation cannot afford it. The government's critics rely on the public having the haziest notions of nuclear defence.

On April 18 the Foundation for Defence Studies, a non-political body, published a Gallup poll. Fifty per cent thought the National Health Service was less expensive than Trident and another 24 per cent did not contradict that proposition. Sixty per cent believed the average annual cost of three more tank or mechanized divisions would be less than the yearly cost of Trident.

In 1986-87 the National Health Service cost more than £20,000 million, a figure which rises inexorably year by year. The whole cost of Trident spread over 20 years will be £9,265 million, supposing the pound is worth \$1.50, conservatively below this week's \$1.68. That will be a minute fraction of 20 years of the NHS, substantially less than the savings the NHS could make if it were run efficiently.

The cost of Trident over its procurement period is a mere 3 per cent of the annual defence budget (£18,800 million last year). We have already spent £970 million on Trident. We are contractually committed to a further £2,840 million.

The Labour Party and the Alliance would cheerfully chuck away both these sums by cancelling Trident. Mr Kinnock last Sunday spoke grandiloquently of using the £7,000 million saved by Trident's cancellation (it is not as much as that, but never mind) to provide modern equipment for our conventional forces. The consequence strengthened conventional forces would, he assumes in Walter Mitty style, be a quite sufficient deterrent to the Russians.

Actually, the savings from cancelling Trident would only be enough to provide one additional armoured division with 300 tanks and maintain it for about 13 years, when it would have to be disbanded. Mr Gorbachev must be quaking. Nato in Western Europe has 18,000 tanks opposed to the 50,000 of Russia and the Warsaw

Pact. Russia, with the Warsaw Pact, has 8,000 tactical aircraft compared with Nato's 4,000.

With chemical weapons, over three times our number of artillery pieces and 900,000 Soviet soldiers alone stationed on the German front opposite our 600,000, the difference made by cancelling Trident and increasing our conventional arms would be less than the equivalent of a horsefly taking on a horse. In a conventional conflict in Europe, Russia could immediately bring up another five million trained reserves who would overwhelm the tiny reserves we have. We might be in a slightly better position if we had National Service but I doubt if Mr Kinnock, Mr Steel or Dr Owen will advocate that before polling day, particularly as it would cost far more than our nuclear deterrent.

The nuclear deterrent is reliable defence on the cheap. That was why Clement Attlee was so keen on it. Maintaining our present nuclear weapons involves less than 1 per cent of our Services manpower. From the start nuclear weapons have been a negligible element in our defence budget.

Dr Owen has accepted our own nuclear weapons as vital to our defence in the past, and in the present, until we get to the point of updating them. Then he speciously decides they are too expensive, though they are clearly not. He is not against our nuclear weapons on moral grounds; he is frightened lest the public thinks Trident beyond our means and that it ensures a leading place for us in the world which he and Mr Kinnock think beyond our status. Labour and the Alliance both want us to become of no account militarily, while wishing us to influence the world in causes which they fancy.

We have four Polaris submarines which went into service in the 1960s. Each carries 48 warheads. We will have four Trident submarines, each intended to carry 128 of the most modern warheads able to cope with Soviet defence weapons not deployed when Polaris was designed. This two-and-a-half times increase in the number of our modern warheads is essential if our deterrent is to continue to make the Russians believe we can destroy all their major cities if pushed to it, even if the Americans abandon us.

To insist the same degree of awe into the Russians with conventional forces would not merely take up the whole of the NHS but absorb well over half the revenue collected by the Treasury from all sources.

It may be respectable to argue that our nuclear weapons plus Trident are immoral. It is a monstrous deception of the public for people who should know better to pretend they are not cost effective and that we could have a more solid defence without them.

Pearson Phillips

## Mighty Mouse, where are you?

We have given capital punishment the thumbs down in our house, too. The Chief Executioner said she couldn't take any more lifeless staring eyes in the mornings. That, and the blood. Our ultimate penalty has now been modified to transportation for life. Or, at least, for as long as it takes the wretched mice to find their way home again.

The genius mainly responsible for this change of policy is a certain Maurice Juggins, C.Eng., FSIAD (which may well stand for Fellow of the Society for Instigating Animal Departures). According to the leaflet which came with our Trip-Trap, The New Kinder Mousenap, this Juggins, sorry, Juggins, not only designed the thing but has taken out British Patent No 2017477 for it. Who says we are not in the van of world technology?

For those unfamiliar with the new *freundliche Mausfalle* (as the German version of the instructions has it) it is a small, translucent, brown plastic corridor with a bait box for porridge oats at one end and a miniature portcullis over the entrance. This comes crashing down when *Mus Musculus* steps on a far from *freundliche* trip mechanism on his way to get his oats. He (or, I suppose, she) is then obliged to finish off the meal and sit there, with an expression of weary resignation, as though saying: "Oh no, not this silly caper again."

It works. We deployed a pair of these *pieges a souris inoffensives* (to quote the French instructions) in the larder, and our night's record is a brace in each. This means that they must have gone in two by two. (We have had a lot of rain in the Cotswolds). Our larder is not, of course, quite like the general run of larders, occupied by the usual empty pot of Dijon mustard, old packets of bay leaves and a sprinkling of biscuit crumbs. It has all that, but it also contains sacks of some delicious flaky, meaty substance beloved by the Labrador, plus more sacks of cereal goodies designed to keep the horse in fettle. To a mouse in there for the night, it must have felt like being locked up in Fortnum and Mason's.

We were prepared to put up with a few, believing the odd mouse to be part of this new, trendy, rural living which has suddenly become so much the

thing. But then came the parsley incident, which persuaded us that enough was enough.

I had, in the manner of us ordinary country folk, chopped up parsley on the Habitat chopping board ready for adding to some simple peasant dish. I turned my back only for a minute to read what Elizabeth David said I had to do next, but in that time two mice appeared from somewhere behind the stove and wolfed down the parsley. They had gone too far. The crack of conventional mouse traps heralded a reign of terror.

There have been times when I wished we had not progressed into this *inoffensiv* era. It became my job to do some of the actual transporting. My instructions were specific. There was to be no dumping just any old where. They had to be given a reasonable chance of survival. As they were house mice, this meant finding something vaguely resembling a house. At the same time we couldn't impose our mice on our neighbours. It had to be uninhabited, an abandoned farmhouse or ruined barn. But just try finding something around here. All the ruined barns have been redeveloped, fitted with jacuzzis and flogged off to merchant bankers for a quarter-of-a-million quid.

In the end I began compromising with a bit of ruined wall. Quite often, the released mice spurned this, and set off to look for something better, or return home. This resulted in one richly absurd transportation when I found myself holding up the Saturday morning traffic in Sheep Street to allow a mouse to cross the road.

The problem was that the larder population didn't seem to be getting any smaller. Were they making their way back, bringing new-found friends with them?

A zoologist explained where we had gone wrong. Early on in the campaign we removed a gigantic specimen, a real mighty mouse. This has left his territory, our larder, open to any other ambitious males and their retinues who care to try to establish residence. They are flocking in to the power vacuum as fast as we can move them out.

So my message to any other user of the Juggins *Kinder Trip-Trap* who captures a real whopper in the Cotswold area is this: please can we have our mouse back?





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## AN AFRICAN TRIBE REVOLTS

Tomorrow white South Africans go to the polls. The election is probably the most important since that of 1948 — when an astonished Field Marshall Smuts was bundled out of power and the National Party began 39 years of uninterrupted apartheid rule.

That statement will appear to some to be a grotesque exaggeration. There is, after all, no suggestion that the National Party will lose this election. Given the fissiparous nature of the extreme right — which had earlier appeared to offer the most serious challenge to the government — there is a strong possibility that the National Party will not lose many constituencies but could be returned to power with at least 120 of the 126 it held in the last Parliament.

But to suggest that the election is thus meaningless to the future of South Africa is to ignore the peculiar dynamics of its politics and the lessons of its history. It is to ignore the reality — unpalatable as it might be to both black radicals and much Western opinion — that fundamental change in South Africa will not be achieved by force, but only by a true change of heart by the majority of its dominant Afrikaner tribe.

It is also to forget that in the 77 years of its history, despite whites having gone to the polls at least every five years, its government has been changed only twice through the ballot box. All other changes have been wrought through coalitions and splits in Afrikanerdom, which despite its monolithic image has

throughout its history been torn by internecine strife.

It was to cope with one of these splits — the apparently growing threat from the breakaway factions of the extreme right — that President Botha called this year's election. His ruthless response to black unrest and an improvement in the country's domestic economy would, he calculated, provide him with the best opportunity to curtail the growth of the right and block its expected leap from rural South Africa to the blue collar constituencies of the industrial towns.

In a fine demonstration of the law of unintended consequences, President Botha's attempts to woo back the right have thoroughly, and probably permanently, alienated his own elite. In series of defections, which have shaken the government to its foundations, Afrikaner academics, business leaders, sportsmen and the Afrikaner tribe's educated youth have come out in open revolt against the National Party and against his leadership. It is a movement which has coalesced around the campaigns of three independent candidates. But whether or not Mr Denis Worrall, Dr Esther Lategan and Mr Wynand Malan win or lose on Wednesday there can be little doubt that Afrikanerdom is split once again.

Yet it was President Botha first taught his own elite that it was permissible to think the unthinkable — the equitable sharing of power with a black majority. The problem was not simply that Mr Botha did not know how to achieve that

desirable state but that growing numbers of his own followers now entertain severe doubts as to the earnest of his intentions. Their doubts have induced a bunker mentality in the beleaguered South African President which in turn has alienated even more of his erstwhile supporters.

The "Botha factor" — a revolt against the increasingly authoritarian style of his administration — has become the key issue for many of the new Afrikaner dissidents. But this alone would not signify an enduring rebellion. The main philosophical reason behind the defection of the dissidents is a conviction that a government which has wedded itself to group identity as the only avenue for the exercise of political rights will never persuade even moderate blacks to come to the negotiating table.

For academics, students and business leaders the National Party is no longer a credible avenue to ensure power-sharing and thus Afrikanerdom's survival. And without that credibility it has lost its legitimacy as the political arm of the Afrikaner people. The tribe has lost its political head.

Mr Botha's party will be returned to power tomorrow, but without the support of the best of its breed. It could be a hollow victory and one that may not endure much before 1989 when white South Africa is once again due to go to the polls. Then once again Mr Botha, or his successor, will have to counter the threats from Afrikanerdom's left and right with a policy which offers neither separation nor power-sharing, but the bankruptcy of continued repression.

## MR HART'S CHARACTER

Mr Gary Hart, asked in last Sunday's *New York Times* magazine about the charge that he was a "womanizer", sought to refute it with the challenge: "follow me around". He was being serious about that, he added. "If anybody wants to put a tail on me, go ahead. They'd be very bored." The last thing Mr Hart could have thought was that anybody was going to take him up on it. But the *Miami Herald* had already done so.

Its reporters waited outside his Washington house from 11.15 p.m. last Friday until 8.40 p.m. the next day — some 21 hours. Probably they were "very bored", as Mr Hart predicted. But they also caught him with Miss Donna Rice, an actress. Mr Hart is both a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year, and married.

He says Miss Rice stayed for only 10 or 15 minutes on the Friday evening, and left by the back of the house to stay the night with a girlfriend at the home of a friend of Mr Hart's, Mr William Broadhurst, a lawyer. Mr Broadhurst confirms that. He adds that he too was at Mr Hart's house at the same time as Miss Rice. The *Miami Herald's* forces — which on an off consisted of five men in three cars parked in front and behind the house — say they did not see Mr Broadhurst. The *Miami Herald's* investigations editor "conceded in yesterday's *New York Times* that there was a period when the back of the house was unwatched, but

it was between 11 p.m. and midnight on the Friday and therefore not at a time helpful to Mr Hart's defence.

Both Mr Hart and Miss Rice deny an affair. They met at a New Year's Eve party, it is said on their behalf. Hart's staff concede that he telephoned her several times. What about remains unclear. Yesterday Mr Hart said he was being "victimized". The journalistic profession should reform itself, he suggested, if other people "of integrity" were not to be discouraged from entering politics.

These are the disputed facts of the case, such as they are. What is to be made of them? Before these alleged revelations, Mr Hart had already been dogged by the "character issue". This is a euphemism which covers a number of small things which, when put together, can be made to add up to one big thing: a lack of "character". Most of the small things were there when he first arrived as a presidential candidate four years ago.

It was held against him that he had changed his name from Hartpence. He also knocked a year off his age. Ever present was the "womanizing" charge. Twice he and his wife had parted. Twice they had gone back together. The circumstances suggested that these reunions were at least partly encouraged by the imminence of Mr Hart's campaigns.

So far there is no failing of a kind which could not have been laid at the door of many a striving politician who went on to be a great president or

prime minister. But Mr Hart's emergence in 1984 coincided with the invention of the term Yuppies — describing the "young upwardly-mobile professionals" to whom he was said to appeal. Almost as soon as the species was invented, hardly anyone wanted to be regarded as one. It had about it an air of rootlessness, lack of substance — fatuity, even. However unfairly, that air has surrounded Mr Hart. The problem was memorably caught by his rival Mr Mondale who demanded: "where's the beef?"

Given this background, Mr Hart's challenge for anyone to follow him around was an act of bravado full of potential danger. Here was a married man, aged 51, already suspected of "womanizing" in the age of Aids, the Moral Majority and political feminism — all three of which are forces which strongly discourage the practice. While campaigning for the American presidency he makes telephone calls to a girl in her 20s whom he did not know well, and who has no great interest in politics. Whatever the truth about his other supposed character defects, he emerges as a fool.

A fool, or someone who has merely acted foolishly? There is a vital difference, since fool is the more permanent state, and many politicians who have once acted foolishly have gone on to loftier activity. But as a result of these events Mr Hart's candidacy is in very serious trouble, and perhaps is all but finished.

## Public cash control

From Mr Teddy Taylor, MP for South East (Conservative). Sir, My colleague Hugh Dykes, MP, made the statistically interesting point in his letter (April 28) that the UK Government was responsible for more public expenditure than the EEC, but I question if the evidence supports his contention that EEC spending is subject to the same controls and supervision as national expenditure.

While national expenditure is directed to a wide range of useful activities, it must surely be a matter of concern that half of the total expenditure of the EEC relates to the storage, dumping and destruction of food surpluses produced by the unreformed Common Agricultural Policy. The House of Lords select committee expressed serious concern only last week at the fact that CAP spending was out of control.

Likewise, while national spending is subject to strict budgetary controls and to supervision by select committees and the National Audit Office, it is depressing that EEC spending is exceeding legal limits this year and that the advice and warnings of the excellent Council of Auditors of the EEC is regularly ignored.

It is only a short time ago that the Court of Auditors published an opinion that the transfer of responsibility to national governments of the cost of butter and dumping was wholly illegal and dumping a device to sidestep spending limits, but the transfer was

nevertheless approved and confirmed.

Nor can we be complacent when the auditors are regularly drawing attention to the most scandalous examples of waste, extravagance and fraud. The most interesting recent example of this was the use of seven billion lire (about £3.25million) of EEC funds to finance the Mafia by means of payment of subsidy for the delivery of non-existent fruit juice to organisations including Nato in Sicily.

It would be a major step forward for the EEC if its spending was subject to the same rigorous controls and curbs as our own national Treasury works under.

Yours sincerely,  
TEDDY TAYLOR (Secretary, Conservative European Reform Group),  
House of Commons,  
April 29.

## Testing the child

From the Hon Secretary of the National Association for Primary Education.

Sir, This association, reflecting parent and professional opinion, rejects individual testing of children at the ages of seven and 11 under the "benchmark" philosophy of Mr Baker. Well-trodden paths of the damagingly path dependent on a standard child false notion of performance to a against whom performance is no given norm may be measured. No such creature exists.

Testing hangs fundamentally upon one-off momentary sam-

pling, regardless of a considerable potential variance in individual circumstance that makes mere age as a criterion for comparison almost fatuous. Even at O and A level, this process is unreliable, its validity dubious and its outcomes often questionable.

The practice of testing is fraught with variables; if it becomes remotely a device for measuring individual teachers it will be vulnerable to distortions on a scale not seen since the 1880s.

NAPE would be willing to discuss forms of assessment enabling schools, LEAs and the public to detect performance over a period of time, say from seven to 11, the add-on factor that may reasonably be expected, taking account of the variables, and any consistent or significant underachievement at school or area level. This would be a more sensitive form of accountability, and avoid the risk of a stranglehold on a curriculum framework which Mr Baker laudably seeks to broaden.

NAPE also accepts the principle of a national curriculum framework; opposition by teachers to testing is not automatically coupled with rejection of the national curriculum concept. Yours sincerely,  
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National Association for Primary Education,  
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Headington Quarry,  
Oxford,  
April 21.

## Increase in cases of child abuse

From the Director of the National Children's Bureau.

Sir, At the recent Press conference held by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (report, April 28) a "sharp increase" was reported in the number of cases of sexual abuse referred to the society and other "worrying trends" relating to "the average age of abused children going down", and an "increase in the number of boys being abused".

It is vital here to distinguish between the picture which emerges when one examines referrals to an agency and the total national picture, which is often very much more difficult to ascertain with any certainty.

In this instance, the 1,261 sexual abuse referrals to the NSPCC last year have incontrovertibly increased from the year before and displayed the trends I have cited above. Such facts are extremely valuable to know, as well as being a cause for grave concern.

However, as everyone will realise, when an issue of this nature becomes a matter of public debate and concern, the number of cases coming to light inevitably rises. And every professional and voluntary agency that I know amongst the National Children's Bureau's very extensive membership (including the NSPCC) is reporting such a rise.

The recently announced

Government grant to the bureau to provide a national focus and data base for training materials on sexual abuse has brought many such reports to our attention. However, this does not necessarily reflect an actual rise in the prevalence of child sexual abuse, currently estimated to affect not less than 8-10 per cent of all girls up to the age of 16.

Similarly, trends in the types of referrals to agencies, or the age of referrals, may reflect trends in the public or professional awareness of the problem rather than the situation as it exists.

None of the above considerations should reduce any anxiety we all feel about this worrying, and potentially very damaging scourge. We have not begun yet to come to terms with the nature or size of the problem.

I delivered a lecture recently to elected officers and senior professionals in a medium-sized outer London borough. I had to confront them with the disturbing fact that some 2,000 or more of the school-aged girls in their borough were being, or had been, sexually abused and that currently nothing was being done about it. Until every local authority in the country addresses this issue, we shall not begin to make an impact on it. Yours faithfully,  
RONALD DAVIE, Director,  
National Children's Bureau,  
8 Wakeley Street, EC1,  
April 29.

## Sentencing policy

From the Chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Sir, In its examination of prisons the Commons Home Affairs Committee (report, April 24) has missed a significant opportunity to explore ways out of the growing penal crisis.

The committee does make important recommendations on the need for a code of enforceable minimum standards, the removal of the prison system's Crown immunity, and the extension to adults of statutory criteria governing the decision to imprison.

However, the committee also endorses the Government's misguided policy of attempting, at enormous public expense, to provide the number of prison places apparently demanded by the courts. The Prison Department is already hinting that a further extension of the prison building programme will be sought in the forthcoming public expenditure round.

## Beating gazumping

From Miss Jane Tait.

Sir, May I comment from our experience of interviewing first-time home buyers daily on the various proposals by MPs to end gazumping.

The half per cent deposit could sometimes work because the seller, who refuses to put down a deposit, will have to face the possibility that no other buyer may surface. However, if estate agents generally remain unenthusiastic, legislation on the lines of John Heddle's Bill may be necessary.

Neither proposal would remove the root cause of the problem, which is the shortage of houses

and flats in the South-east. The inescapable price of zoning too little land for housing is the escalation of house prices, which in turn leads to gazumping.

Perhaps an ideal solution would be for those who protest vigorously about the sanctity of the countryside to give up their large houses and gardens there, thus enabling more units to be built on the same space. They could then go to live themselves in the inner cities of the Midlands and the North, to which they assign everyone else.

Yours sincerely,  
JANE TAIT, Director,  
First Time Home Buyers' Advisory Service,  
18 Seymour Place, W1.

## Oldfield case

From Sir Richard Dobson.

Sir, Professor Sir Hermann Bondi (April 24) argues that sexual promiscuity of either type, heterosexual or homosexual, should be seen to be a matter of such small consequence that nobody, least of all those in "sensitive positions", should feel it necessary to refrain from it or, having indulged, to conceal it.

He accuses the media of "perpetuating" the "outworn prejudices" against these procliv-

ities — prejudices which, if not always observed in action, have worn pretty well since Leviticus was compiled and probably long before.

For once I find myself on the side of the media — more often taken to task for the promotion of salacious than for outmoded re-

tained. Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD DOBSON,  
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April 30.

## Tactical voting

From Miss Nina Fishman.

Sir, Your leader of April 25 about tactical voting regrettably missed the point. The reason for tactical voting at the time of the general election is that the first-past-the-post election rules were not designed for three contending parties, but two. Faced with three contending parties, voters who don't want to waste their votes have no choice but to vote tactically.

Tactical Voting 87 has done an analysis of the Marplan poll reported on April 16 in *The Guardian*, which showed that without tactical voting the Opposition parties would gain only 27 of the current marginal seats from the Tories.

However, with a tactical swing of 5 per cent of Alliance voters to Labour, and a 10 per cent tactical swing of Labour voters to Alliance, the Opposition would win 78 of the marginal seats instead of 27, and Mrs Thatcher would lose her overall majority. Tactical voting can produce no more and no less than a hung parliament.

After the election, voters will have used up their opportunity to influence events, and it will then be up to party political leaders to do their job: form a government in accord with the popular will.

In this connection, it is somewhat surprising that your leading article devoted so much space to Professor Hobsbawm's views, since he is neither a party political leader nor ever likely to influence masses of voters. It seems likely that the effect aimed at by the leading article was to injure tactical voting by the tested tactic of guilt by association, because Professor Hobsbawm is in the Communist Party.

Your tactic, however, can also be used the other way. Was it not this Conservative Government (and this Prime Minister) which established an excellent understanding with the French socialist government of M Mitterrand, a government elected with millions of communist votes and in which communist ministers served?

Is not the Conservative Party acting in close association with the Italian Christian Democratic Party in the European Parliament? And is it not the case that the Christian Democratic Party has relied on *de facto* support from the Communist Party to enable a government to function in Italy?

Evidently the Conservative Party is not concerned about the implications of its associates and allies having close relations with communism. Why then should supporters of tactical voting be alarmed about Professor Hobsbawm's political allegiance? Yours faithfully,  
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April 26.

## Sailing by

From Mrs E. Gosling.

Sir, Dr Chamberlain (April 29) mentions the print of Gravesend, "The Old Windmill & Belle Vue". A book called *A Month at Gravesend* by Elizabeth Jane Brabazon, published in 1863, refers to the two windmills to which Windmill Hill gave its name.

One of them was taken down in 1787, its companion having burnt down 25 years earlier. The "bones" of a replacement for the first remained and from a balcony spectators could view the surrounding countryside through a telescope.

## Arts mistaken for economics

From Sir William Glock and others.

Sir, We write to support the letter of Sir Michael Tippett (April 24), deploring the neglect of the arts in dealing with them as "a collection of companies, to be sustained or disposed of merely in terms of economic viability".

This applies also to charges for admission to museums and to the rumoured imposition of VAT on books. The opportunities for experiencing art — whether in opera, drama, literature or the visual arts — are becoming increasingly expensive and progressively more difficult to enjoy away from metropolitan centres.

What matters most is the crippling effect on the young, on the minds and sensitivities of those who will be shaping tomorrow's world as artists and politicians, audiences and voters.

When one travels abroad one is impressed by the extensive and non-partisan support given to the arts, either through direct government grants or through bodies and organizations supported by government or municipality or both. Surely, our long-range aim in regard to the Kent Opera Company and many other regional activities must be artistic quality rather than economics. Yours faithfully,  
WILLIAM GLOCK,  
CLAUS MOSER,  
F. W. STERNFELD,  
University of Oxford,  
Faculty of Music,  
St Aldate's,  
Oxford,  
April 30.

## Value of LEAs

From Mr David A. Turner.

Sir, Your editorial on educational standards (April 27) made some salient points in connection with the contrast between the "fundamentally sound" education provided in Sheffield and the less effective service in Brent, as reported recently by her Majesty's Inspectorate. However, the conclusion you reached that all local education authorities should be abolished because of the alleged shortcomings of one is surely somewhat extreme if not illogical.

In my experience a large number of LEAs of all political persuasions, in both county and metropolitan areas, are providing a sound education for most pupils. A better remedy for the minority who are failing could surely be devised by the Government and the Secretary of State since under the 1944 Education Act all LEAs are accountable to him.

A close reading of the HMI report on Sheffield reveals that many of the areas of outstanding work which are highlighted — nursery education, environmental education, geography, mathematics, language work, special educational needs and multi-cultural education, to itemise a few examples — have all developed to their present high level precisely because they have been targeted and resourced by the LEA, its advisers and other support services.

The devolution of all authority and finance to the headteacher and governors of individual schools, which you advocate, would at a stroke eliminate the possibility of such successful LEA ventures and initiatives. No single school can provide such a range of services alone.

The logic of the HMI reports, in my view, is that high standards for all pupils in the State system, not just a minority in a few chosen schools, can only be achieved by a properly resourced LEA with a firm belief in the value of education for all. I am sure Sheffield is not alone in wishing to fulfil these needs.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID A. TURNER,  
Co-ordinator,  
In-Service Education,  
Sheffield City Polytechnic,  
36 Collegiate Crescent,  
Sheffield,  
April 28.

## Loud and clear

From Mr R. K. Tongue.

Sir, I wonder whether all your readers with some knowledge of Russian are entirely satisfied with the now canonical translation of *glasnost* as "openness". It seems to me that "openness" fails to capture one of the key elements in the Russian word, namely, *glas* or "voice".

My candidate would be "speaking out" or, if a single word is preferred, "forthrightness". Perhaps your readers may be able to suggest something better.

Yours faithfully,  
RAY TONGUE,  
16 Broad Oak Lane,  
Bexhill-on-Sea,  
East Sussex,  
April 29.

I quote from Elizabeth Jane Brabazon:

The obliging proprietor has provided many temptations and attractions in the form of pleasure gardens, tea gardens and mazy windings without, whilst within, comfortable accommodation and refreshments of all kinds, from tea and coffee to more stimulating beverages tend to the general popularity of the Belle Vue Hotel. Sincerely,  
E. GOSLING,  
Kyrenia,  
105 Teatender Drive,  
Canterbury,  
Kent,  
April 30.

## ON THIS DAY

MAY 6 1829

The "advantages" of being versed in Latin, recently aired in *The Times*, had not been overlooked by the anonymous humorist below. The last verse refers to some *Etanians* who had amused themselves by firing air-guns into houses.

## ADVANTAGES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Should you wish your hopeful

Billy  
(Pride of Pa, and Ma's delight)  
Made a scholar, willy-nilly,  
Taught the classics, wrong or right:  
Should you wish him learn'd in Latin,

While, in English, still a fool:  
All but useful knowledge put in —  
Send him to a Public School.

If in your paternal mercies,  
You on Billy would impose,  
For some years of nonsense verses,

A long life of nonsense prose:  
If at manhood, you'd enlist him  
Now, as tyrant, now, as fool,  
Try, for both, the Fagging-System.

Send him to a Public School.  
Should the pretty urchin's shame  
Not have taught him how

to dip  
Deep in other people's purses —  
Step, the First, to Statesmanship;  
Artless darling! should you want him

him  
Taught to beg and rob by rule,  
Let him try an Eton Montem —  
Send him to a Public School.

Lastly, if, for recreation,  
You should like him to let fly  
Bullets, without detonation,  
Into shops, as he goes by:

Or, when loose from classic labours,  
Pretty dear! with stone or stool  
To knock out the brains of neighbours —  
Send him to a Public School.

The comprehensive nature of the early paper is exhibited in the piece below which appeared immediately after the verses. The printer's whim ensured that nuggets could be found on any of the four pages.

## ASSASSINATION and SUICIDE at PARIS.

(From a French paper.)

PARIS, May 2.

A dreadful assassination has been committed this morning in the face of day, and in the middle of the Place Louis XVI., on the person of M. Calemard Lafayette, deputy of the Upper Loire. A M. Plagniol lay in wait, it seems, for the hon. deputy, and going up to him discharged a pistol at him, and the ball passed through his breast. The assassin immediately afterwards blew out his own brains, and expired on the spot. M. C. de Lafayette had strength to rise and get into a carriage, after mentioning his residence, Rue Godot de Mauroy, No. 21. M. Dupuytren, who was sent for with M. Boudeloque, extracted a large ball from the left shoulder, where it stopped, after fracturing all the bones in its passage. The wound is most dangerous, and the situation of M. C. de Lafayette critical in the extreme.

The assassin, who wore the Cross of the Legion of Honour, was a landowner in the department of the Indre and Loire, aged 52 years: he was personally known to the hon. member, and it is generally supposed that he committed this to gratify private revenge but the ground of his animosity is unknown. M. C. de Lafayette was a worthy buffoon, a lively man. His opinions as deputy were known only by the place which he occupied on the right of the Chamber. It seems that Plagniol had premeditated his crime, and the suicide which followed it with atrocious resolution. In the morning he put six letters in the post, and he was seen prowling about in the garden of the Tuileries.

The ball with which the assassin destroyed himself entered by the orbit of the right eye, carried off the whole coronal bone, issued out at the upper part of the occiput, and passed through the hat.

The *Gazette de France*, dated Monday, gives very nearly the same account, but says that words passed between the hon. Deputy and the assassin before the latter fired: that the report of the pistol brought the guard to the spot; and that it seems that it was not till the murderer saw that he was observed, and was going to be pursued, that he destroyed himself.

## Amends made

From Mrs Alma N. Dax.

Sir, I wrote you a letter some three years ago (October 9, 1884), when I was 91 and disabled, in which I said that I had recently asked British Rail to arrange for a porter to meet my train from Haslemere to Waterloo. No porter turned up, although I did later receive an apologetic letter from the Stationmaster at Waterloo.

A few days ago, after I had made the same request, giving my name, I was met at Waterloo by not one but two porters who asked if I was Mrs Dax and was given VIP treatment.

I imagine Waterloo has "Mrs Dax" engraved in gold letters all over the area manager's office as an *aide memoire supreme*. But bravo British Rail.  
Yours truly,  
ALMA N. DAX,  
48 Knightsbridge Court,  
Sloane Street, SW1,  
April 28.











## MEDIA &amp; MARKETING

## Time to milk a fresh subject

## OPINION

Mark Law

Fifteen minutes of nationwide radio airtime is a precious resource. That is true even at 6 o'clock in the morning. If it is to be for the benefit of a particular group of people, then their cause should be a high priority. Farmers are important, of course, but there are not much more important causes? Would not the time devoted to *Farming Today* on Radio 4 be better deployed in other ways?

Programme planners at the BBC can proudly boast that *Farming Today* has its roots in 1929 and developed into a recognisable form after the Second World War and the Dig for Victory campaign. In those dark days of 1947 farming advice may have been hard to come by. Agriculture was still a vitally important industry; the butter mountain and the wine lake were too ludicrous to imagine.

Now, though, experts are to be found at every farm gate. Magazines and advertising material abound. Farmers, I imagine, complain about the surfeit of advice rather than the lack of it. But *Farming Today* is still there with its crack-of-dawn advice.

By contrast, British industry is faced with a technological boom that is hard to comprehend. With the changes come alterations in work practices that not only affect those with jobs but those without.

The cloistered world of Broadcasting House may have something to do with it, but those same programme planners — so quick to see the need for information by farmers and still apparently flushed with the success of *The Archers* — are surely overlooking their responsibilities to industry and the business world.

It is not just the farmers who get up at six o'clock each morning, and the country's industrial and commercial workers may well complain

that it is time the BBC provided them with a similar service. Imagine the value of such a slot to the manager needing guidance on work practices; the personnel officer itching to learn how those Japanese manage to persuade their British workers to accept no-strike deals; and the trade unionist wanting to know how the Government's next Green Paper will affect the running of his organisation. There would be no shortage of useful and lively material to fill a daily programme.

The BBC's apparent resistance to such coverage baffles many. Representatives of both the TUC and the CBI meet governors, editors and programme planners on a body known as the Consultative Group on Industrial and Business Affairs. They argue that the BBC shows particular bias towards farming at the expense of industry. BBC executives say radio news and current affairs programmes — such as *Today* and *The World at One* — cover industry and trade unions. But that overlooks the argument for a special programme on the lines of *Farming Today*. To bolster their arguments, CBI and TUC representatives point out that the BBC finds plenty of air time each day for religious programmes even though — if attendance at church is anything to go by — religion has fewer active participants than the trade union movement or the country's workforce.

The BBC hotly denies that there is pressure from the Conservatives not to provide them with air time (as the trade union suspects). A simpler answer to the whole question is the Corporation's love of tradition and the delight BBC planners seem to have in keeping them going despite powerful arguments.

People in industry, however, need all the help they can get. We should give them that quarter of an hour.

## Hard line on the soft sell

The man in charge of the BBC's commercial arm faces a tough target, reports David Housham

Although the BBC's new director-general, Michael Checkland, has not been able to clone himself to tackle the BBC's worst managerial deficiencies, it looks as though he has had a good try in the shape of James Arnold-Baker.

Arnold-Baker was appointed chief executive of BBC Enterprises, the corporation's commercial arm, last summer when Checkland was still deputy D-G, but as Enterprises' chairman Checkland had already begun to streamline a sluggish operation by such moves as bringing BBC Publications — which includes *Radio Times* and *The Listener* — under its wing.

Industry sceptics have traditionally characterised the management and performance of the commercial arm as anything but enterprising — its timidity an inevitable by-product of the historic distaste for commerce in the Oxbridge BBC's arts-based corporate culture.

"That's long been swept aside," Arnold-Baker says. "My predecessors may have been very frustrated, but I'm getting tremendous co-operation from programme executives like Michael Grade."

He will need a great deal of co-operation to achieve the target that Checkland has set for BBC Enterprises: to double its turnover (currently around £120 million a year) by 1991 and increase profits five-fold to £25 million. Although less than one twentieth of its total programme production budget, such cash is increasingly important to the BBC with its licence revenue restricted by the RPI.

To a great degree the turnover growth will have to come from programme sales division. BBC Enterprises is the world's largest programme exporter; crucially, though, it has so far had little impact in the world's largest market, the United States. It is the biggest offshore supplier to the high-

prestige but commercially insignificant public service network (4 per cent of the US market), and it has lately made some headway in selling drama and comedy to the independent stations groups. But the hugely lucrative selling of programmes to the three US networks remains the most important cultural and commercial obstacle yet to be overcome.

As part of stepping up its American marketing effort, BBC Enterprises has taken over its distributor there, Lionheart Television.

There is an unresolved debate about whether or not the US networks' viewers like British programmes, understand British humour, and so on. Our drama has generally been dismissed by the young research-driven executives as too slow and too literate for their zap-happy, couch-potato audiences.

An additional self-imposed handicap has been the BBC's view that it should not spend British licence-payers' money on producing £1 million-per-hour drama aimed primarily at American viewers. Equally, its attempts at involvement in co-produced dramas for the US networks have failed in the past because even as a minority equity partner the BBC has insisted on an untenable amount of British-based editorial control.

A clear indication that such rigid idealism is yielding to commercial pragmatism is the new deal with the American Tribune group of independent stations to supply them with 26 new episodes of the sit-com

'Allo 'Allo this year. This is double the length of a normal BBC sit-com run in a year and special production facilities are being established at its Elstree studios to fulfil it.

Arnold-Baker emphasises that the "creative content" of 'Allo 'Allo is not being altered to suit American tastes. He adds, however, that the trend towards longer series is growing in Europe, too, with the spread of competition and new commercial channels.

"When we sold a package including *EastEnders* and *Dr Who* to Spain's Catalan commercial channel, the buyer made it very clear that his competitive position means keeping audiences with long-running popular series. The trend is moving across Europe into public service TV and it will overtake the BBC."

Does he realize that according to traditional BBC philosophy, his view amounts to heresy? "Oh, sure," he agrees, "but it's here to stay. And it has an impact on the cost of production facilities."

Europe, Australia and New Zealand will continue to be important markets for programme sales, and the proliferation of European cable and satellite services should help Enterprises shift more of its "massive" back catalogue.

Arnold-Baker's market-led outlook and enthusiastic candour are bold examples of the new industrious, post-Peacock, Checkland-style BBC. An Oxford-educated geologist, with marketing experience at Watney, ENI, records merchandising and seven years as European vice-president of Fisher Price Toys behind him, the 44-year-old Arnold-Baker bears a passing physical resemblance to his much admired D-G ("the father of the modern Enterprises").

Arnold-Baker has started building a leaner, more efficient senior management structure at Enterprises, end-



James Arnold-Baker: Sweeping aside the frustrating timidity

ing the previous distinctions between programme sales territories, bringing the BBC's booming Video and Records labels together under one Home Entertainment banner, and appointing a purchased programmes executive, David Saffir, as head of new business development — a new post.

It is often forgotten that BBC Enterprises' activities range far beyond programme sales. They include BBC Publications, which publishes programme-related books, records and video tapes; the production of educational and industrial training material for world markets; the supply of telephone services (test match commentaries, etc) to British Telecom; the organization of conferences and exhibitions; and marketing potentially profitable technological initiatives such as

the secure transmission of computer data on unused Teletext frequencies. Customers for this service already include the *Financial Times*, the Stock Exchange and Corals bookmakers.

Another substantial new growth area might turn out to be retailing — there is already a BBC shop, selling the whole array of BBC merchandise, in Marylebone High Street in London, and another is to open soon in Belfast.

But there is a lot more creative mercantile thinking ahead before £25 million-worth of profits can be reaped. "Even if we expand all our existing areas very aggressively, there is a planning gap," Arnold-Baker concludes. "We've got to develop significant new areas."

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## THE HIGH STREET MONEYSPINNERS

Until recently the BBC's retailing ventures amounted to little more than a dilapidated shack outside Television Centre and a dingy counter hidden by the imposing bronze doors of the foyer at Broadcasting House.

Arnold-Baker is determined that in future the corporation's prowess as a shopkeeper should match its success as a distributor (last year it scored success in national book, record and video charts). He has just received a consultancy report which could push BBC Enterprises into the latest trend of "concept retailing" and the establishment of BBC Shops on the nation's high streets. Like Sock and Body Shops, the BBC Shops would stock every type of merchandise associated with the BBC and its programmes, from Radio One calendars and T-shirts to cookery books, soundtrack records and comedy show videos.

The current Television Centre shack is to be incorporated into a new wing now under construction, and the Broadcasting House shop is to move to a new site over the road in Henry Wood House.

A money-making retailing chain would certainly help BBC Enterprises meet its tough new financial target but, as Arnold-Baker explains, retailing is too capital expensive and labour intensive for Enterprises to fund itself, and some kind of franchising operation is the most likely option.

BBC Enterprises published last year's best-selling hardback — a collection of *Yes Prime Minister* scripts. The enormous popularity of *EastEnders* ensured that the single *Every Loser Wins*, released by one of the programme's young stars, Nick Berry, was a number one single for BBC Records.

Arnold-Baker concedes that this was a "fluke" and pinpoints soundtracks as the sort of thing that the BBC can "legitimately" do, again with some success.

BBC Video is the fastest growing division of Enterprises and the leading force in the sale of video at the low price of £14.95. "This year we've never had less than seven out of the top 20 selling videos in the country," Arnold-Baker adds.

## BBC APPOINTMENTS

## CONTROLLER

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## MEDIA &amp; MARKETING

## Battle of the satellites

Almost five years after the *Wall Street Journal* invaded Europe, a revitalized *Financial Times* is fighting back, reports Jonathan Miller

When the *Wall Street Journal*, the quintessential organ of American capitalism, announced plans in 1982 to launch a European edition, the reaction at Bracken House, headquarters of *The Financial Times*, was close to panic.

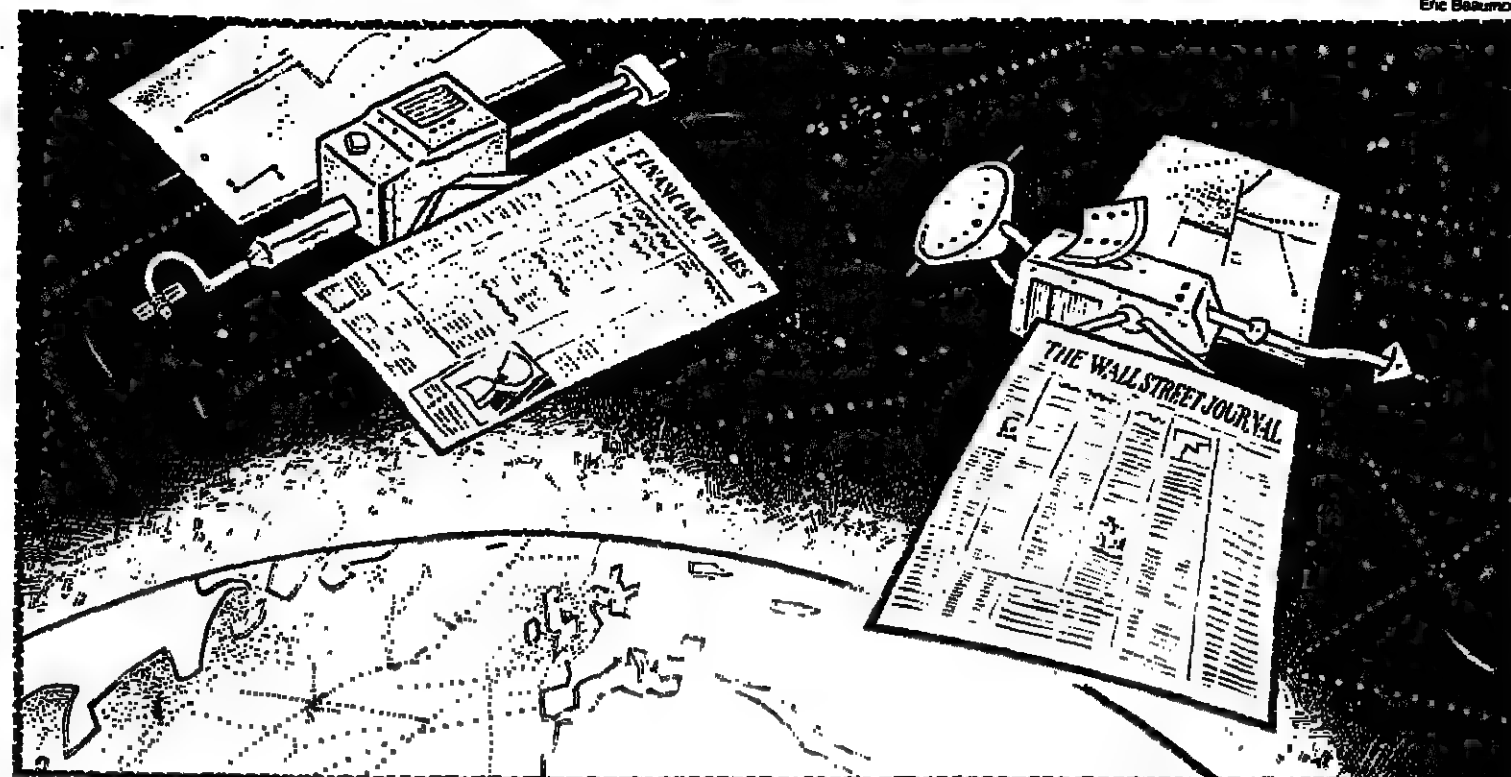
The fear was that the *Journal*, backed by the formidable resources of the Dow-Jones Company, was about to march through Europe like Sherman through Georgia, incinerating the ground that Pearson's pink 'un had thought was its for the taking when it had launched its Frankfurt edition two years earlier.

So nervous was Pearson's management that a special video film about the *Journal* was commissioned for showing to their entire staff. It was a calculated frightener, showing the *Journal's* modern production methods, the use of satellites to beam the newspaper to regional printing plants, and the inexorable growth in turnover and profits of America's only national newspaper.

Five years later, the men at Bracken House are the ones who are feeling cocky. Armed with post-Wapping arrangements that have allowed the introduction of computerized typesetting, and preparing to move to a high-technology printing plant in London's Docklands, they are also enjoying the fruits of a bull market.

The paper's advertising sales are now ahead of all other national titles. Profits are more than £20 million a year, and growing. Frank Barlow, chief executive of the paper, boasts that the *FT* has made more money in the past two years than its cumulative earnings in the previous 25.

The confidence engendered by this domestic success has helped the newspaper to establish its Frankfurt edition as the dominant English-



language daily on the continent, with plans to expand worldwide.

"The *Journal* has grown, but we've increased the gap, which is comforting," Barlow says. "The last thing I want to do is knock the *Journal*, but I honestly think they haven't got the range of contents that we have. We have much more of an international perspective."

On the numbers, Barlow's confidence seems sustainable. The *FT's* total sale is nearing 300,000; the *Journal* in Europe sells 37,000. A more refined comparison, excluding the UK sales of both papers, puts the *FT* at 43,234 in continental Europe, and the *Journal* at 27,000.

At the same time, the *FT* has established a foothold of its own in the *Journal's* back yard, tripling its North American circulation (albeit to a modest 15,000) by beaming its newspaper by satellite to a high-technology printing site near Philadelphia. Plans are now being considered to launch a second satellite edition in Asia to challenge the *Journal* in the Pacific basin.

It would be false to take any of this as evidence that the war is over. At the European headquarters of the *Journal* in Brussels, Dow-Jones's generals are ready for a long war of attrition. Backed by a

circulation in their domestic market of more than two million a day, their feeling is that they can afford to be patient as they attempt to establish an entirely new kind of newspaper aimed at a precisely defined niche market of senior executives.

Paul Atkinson, publisher of the *Journal's* European edition, says that his paper never set out to compete with the *FT*, which he regards as primarily a national publication and one of "the great newspapers of the world. We were not out to get into a newspaper war. We never had any intention of battling anybody here," he says.

While acknowledging that the European *Journal* paper is still making losses, from a strategic point of view, the edition has been "a tremendous success," he says, with consistent increases in advertising volume.

Compared with the *FT*, the *Journal's* advertising sales have

been modest. Despite an upscale readership profile — the average reader earns \$91,000 (£53,500) a year — the paper is still selling only three or four pages of advertising a day, compared with 30 pages or more in the *FT*. The *Journal* says the market for pan-European advertising is sluggish; the *FT* believes it is growing.

On Sunday, in a move to expand its European circulation, the *Journal* increased its effort by adding a second European printing site in Lucerne, to improve distribution in the south and east of Europe. The *FT* is still looking for a southern European plant.

In the Pacific, the *Journal* appears to have built up a big lead over the *FT*. It is already selling 31,000 copies a day of its profitable Asian edition and will next month add a third Asian printing centre in Tokyo

to its plants in Singapore and Hong Kong, using the presses of the *Nihon Kasei Shimbun* (Japan Economic Journal), whose combined morning and afternoon circulation of more than four million a day makes it arguably the most formidable business publisher in the world.

The arrangement is a *quid pro quo* for the *NKS's* near simultaneous launch of a Japanese-language European edition using the *Journal's* presses in Holland. The *NKS* began printing on America's west coast last week.

Some analysts think that as publishing becomes more global, other players will enter the market or increase their existing stakes. The *International Herald Tribune*, owned jointly by The New York Times and The Washington Post, is aggressively adding printing sites around the world and emphasizing business news. Rupert Murdoch is reported to have been exploring the possibility of expanding his publishing operations to the Continent, although no specific plans have emerged. Gannett Company, which has already started printing its general-interest *USA Today* in Switzerland and Singapore, is also believed to be looking at options for further international expansion.

**'In Brussels, Dow-Jones's generals are ready for a long war of attrition'**

## BYLINES

## Game of the Rose

The BBC and ITV have swapped approaches in trying to recapture the Golden Rose of the Montreux Television Festival, a prize on which Britain's traditional grip has been slipping. For the last two years ITV has entered young alternative comedy shows into the entertainment television festival. *Spitting Image* came third in 1985 but last year *Saturday Live* sank without trace. So this year ITV is relying on old-fashioned big-budget fare, the Torvill and Dean skating spectacular, *Fire and Ice*.

The BBC did well with such glittering showbiz stuff in 1985, when Paul Daniels won the Golden Rose. But its out-dated comedy, *Yes Prime Minister*, was snubbed by the international jury last year, and the Corporation has now decided to try the alternative approach. Its entry is the irreverent Rory Bremner Show, *Now Something Else*, which should be more appealing to the foreign jurors, whose tastes for imaginative and experimental programmes have recently become more sophisticated than smug British TV executives like to admit.

## Gold tip

Manchester is set to become the next bloody battleground for free morning newspapers, such provincial papers having been targeted by publishers as a boom growth area after the success of Birmingham's giveaway *Daily News*. Robert Maxwell has chosen Manchester as a test-base for a paper using the editorial resources of his struggling *London Daily News*, and the *Manchester Evening News* is launching a rival free paper to protect its advertising revenue. Free newspaper publisher Robert Waterhouse is reported to have recruited Roger Bowes, the former Express Newspapers chief executive, to launch a new quality paid-for paper in Manchester.

## Weekly view

Radio 4 is to bring back *Newsnight*, the 15-minute review of the weekly journals and magazines, which it reduced to an eight-minute segment in the Saturday edition of the *Saturday* programme when the latter was launched earlier this year. *Newsnight* may not reappear in its old Saturday morning slot, but its return is a victory for the protesting journals like *The Spectator* and *The Listener*.

## Cuti

Lourie may still be spending millions of pounds on television advertising to boost the obstinately low 320,000 circulation of its *Today* newspaper, but it is clamping down ever harder on editorial expenditure, and not without some fallout. The film critics of *Today* and its sister Sunday title have both just resigned

because their papers decided they could not afford to send them to the Cannes film festival.

## Boyd flies south

As Bylines went to press it seemed that London Weekend Television's controller of entertainment, Alan Boyd, was to be appointed the new director of programmes at Television South, provided the company agreed to his asking price — a salary of £80,000... Allison and Busby, the small publishing company responsible for writers such as Colin MacInnes and C.L.R. James, has gone into receivership... the long-standing and bitter rivalry between the two main broadcasting unions, ACTT and BETA, is being put aside tomorrow when they meet to plan a joint campaign against job losses caused by independent producers being given one quarter of the BBC and ITV's output... Lonsdale Advertising is being tipped as the replacement agency for the *News on Sunday* after Bartle Bogle Hegarty's original campaign proved too lusty... in addition to increasing its late-night schedule to seven days a week next year, Channel 4 is also pondering a new breakfast service... As the sales of vinyl records continue to slide, the British Phonographic Institute is instigating an industry-wide experiment with singles released on cassette this summer... Prestwich Holdings, a video distributor and T-shirt company, has purchased a 15 per cent stake in Border Television.

David Housham

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### LONDON

**AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about guilt among the gentry. Westchester Theatre, Palace Theatre, SW1 (01-834 0263), Tues-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, Sun 5.30-8pm, £5-11.50.

**DEATH OF A SALESMAN:** O'Neill's drama of violent passion on a New England farm involving father, son and daughter. Greenwich Theatre, Greenwich, SE10 (01-858 7755), Mon-Fri 7.45-9.20pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, Sun 5.30-8pm, £5-11.50.

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**JEEVES TAKES CHARGE:** Edward Duff-Giles' comedy about Jeeves, Bertie Wooster, and a dragon. Aims Theatre, 115 Upper Street, N1 (01-226 1916), Tues-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 5.30-8pm, £5-11.50.

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**UP ON THE ROOF:** Three steps down Memory Lane, 1975, 1980, 1985, as five students learn the ups, downs and ups-and-downs of adult life. Cleeve Productions, 41 Euston Road, NW1 (01-240 8230), Tues-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 5.30-8pm, £5-11.50.

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**LONG RUNNERS:** The Business of Murder Theatre (01-429 3038). \* Caste: New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 0079). \* Caste: Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). \* Caste: Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 6106/9). \* Caste: Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 6106/9). \* Caste: Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 6106/9).

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**COVENTRY:** \* As You Like It: Lionel Blair plays Touchstone in a lively and comic production. Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 55305), Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri-Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 5.30-8pm, £5-11.50.

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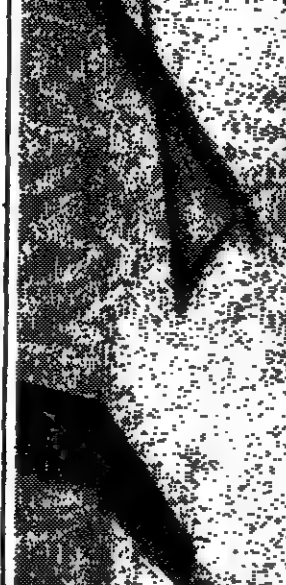
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Some European cities take to the movie camera like ducks to water. Paris does; London, despite valiant attempts, does not. Berlin certainly does: every stage of its modern journey from splendour to rubble, from empire's hub to divided island, has been vividly captured on film. The season 'Berlin: Symphonies of a Great City', jointly held by the National Film Theatre and the Goethe Institute, just skims the surface of the available material. Location-based features of the late Twenties, like *People on Sunday*, show the population at work and play. Also on view are crucial documents like Riefenstahl's epic on the 1936 Olympics, medicinal compilations of archive footage by Imkamp von zur

Makles, the delightful *Emil and the Detectives*, and little-known wartime romances. The season begins at the NPT with *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (above), in which the real Berlin is never seen. The action unfolds in an imaginary city of Expressionist backdrops, cluttered with roofs and winding streets - an ideal setting for the claustrophobic tale of a madman, a somnambulist and a woman. Screened tonight and tomorrow with a pungent score by Paul Robeson, played by the Harmonie Band (with saxophones and clarinets well to the fore). National Film Theatre (01-928 3232) and Goethe Institute (01-581 3344), until June 4.

Geoff Brown

**St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £2-25.**

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Some European cities take to the movie camera like ducks to water. Paris does; London, despite valiant attempts, does not. Berlin certainly does: every stage of its modern journey from splendour to rubble, from empire's hub to divided island, has been vividly captured on film. The season 'Berlin: Symphonies of a Great City', jointly held by the National Film Theatre and the Goethe Institute, just skims the surface of the available material. Location-based features of the late Twenties, like *People on Sunday*, show the population at work and play. Also on view are crucial documents like Riefenstahl's epic on the 1936 Olympics, medicinal compilations of archive footage by Imkamp von zur

Makles, the delightful *Emil and the Detectives*, and little-known wartime romances. The season begins at the NPT with *The Cabinet of Dr Caligari* (above), in which the real Berlin is never seen. The action unfolds in an imaginary city of Expressionist backdrops, cluttered with roofs and winding streets - an ideal setting for the claustrophobic tale of a madman, a somnambulist and a woman. Screened tonight and tomorrow with a pungent score by Paul Robeson, played by the Harmonie Band (with saxophones and clarinets well to the fore). National Film Theatre (01-928 3232) and Goethe Institute (01-581 3344), until June 4.

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# THE ARTS

## Trial in the camera

Thanks to the dogged efforts of the French Nazi-hunting lawyers Karsfeld & Karsfeld, and by the grace of a coup against Bolivia's cocaine cartels, the former Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie goes on trial next week for "crimes against humanity". If a tenth of the charges laid at his door are true, he no doubt deserves something altogether harsher than a fair trial. Having already twice been sentenced to death in absentia, he seems unlikely to get one.

As a curtain-raiser, *The Trial of Klaus Barbie* (BBC) did a thorough job of pre-empting the judicial process by opposing the testimony of his surviving victims with the calumnies of his lawyer, Jacques Vergès. The Devil being unavailable for interview in person, his advocate demanded an almost surrealistic degree of proof for his client's apparently gleeful sadism. There were no witnesses except to this particular act of legal atrocity. Barbie's signature on that document ordering the deportation of Jewish children had obviously been forged.

This is, pace the Karsfelds, what lawyers are for, and there were moments when M. Vergès made the Resistance-conspiracy theory sound only too plausible. To those gentle neo-French born since the war, the whole affair will surely smack of score-settling, of moral debt-collecting.

What spoiled the defence's case, curiously, was not so much the harrowing recollections of the old men, and women who had been tortured by the Butcher of Lyon or who had witnessed executions and deportations, but a single sentence from Barbie's daughter. "By the way," she said, having just eulogized her father's kindness and devotion, "the butchers in Lyon are very upset, because it's an honourable profession, isn't it?"

It was a line of dialogue sprang from the unexplored terrain between *Allo Allo* and Jean-Pierre Melville's sombre masterpiece *L'Armée des ombres*. It was said straight-faced and, the viewer suspected, not without rehearsal. It delivered in one gulp the full favour of a mentality which declined to distinguish between animals and human beings. In the circumstances, this was not the best possible PR.

My apologies to both Francis Crick and Bernard Crick for inadvertently rewriting academic history in my notice of *Life Story* last week.

Martin Cropper

# Poetry invades the market-place

As an industry, it is not exactly microchips. The British spend a modest £10 million a year on poetry, and even that figure includes £3 million worth of "institutional" buying — the dread set books of so many lonely examinations. But poets and their publishers can make an awful lot of noise, and this week the din starts again with Poetry Live, the "largest, most exciting book campaign ever in Britain."

This involves several hundred poetry readings nationally, nightly readings to commuters on Waterloo Station and a climactic event at the Albert Hall next Tuesday which will include readings by the Russian dissident poet Irina Ratushinskaya and the Nigerian Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka. Meanwhile bookshops will be filled with "dump-bins" — large cardboard display boxes — encouraging their customers to give verse a chance.

Thus far, it seems to have worked. Andrew Motion, a poet himself and editorial director of Chatto, Bodley Head & Cape, says poetry orders from bookshops have doubled in the last few months. But he admits that does not mean anybody will actually buy the books. The big publishers are optimistic, though they have perhaps not all heard that ticket for the Albert Hall event have been less than inspiring. And small publishers, meanwhile, are grumbling with discontent.

The problem is that the whole affair represents a painful clash between a private, contemplative, minority art and the sort of hype at which large publishers are becoming ever more adept. The idea that the two could be successfully merged stems partly from the growing impact of the Booker Prize on literary fiction and partly from the efforts of Desmond Clarke

British verse steps out with pride this week, climaxing in an ambitious Albert Hall reading, amid waves of optimism among the larger publishers: report by Bryan Appleyard

The Nigerian Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka (left) and the Russian dissident poet Irina Ratushinskaya, both of whom will be reading at the Albert Hall on Tuesday, and Allen Ginsberg, star of a legendary summer night in the same hall in 1965

when he ran the Book Marketing Council.

Clarke — christened Desmond Dump-Bin by the poet Craig Raine — is the brains behind Poetry Live. It is the latest creation of the man who dreamed up promotions like *The Best of British*, a campaign which produced thousands of column-inches of Press coverage, thanks to its insolent imposition of the psychology of the pop charts on English literature. After the Book Marketing Council, Clarke moved on to Faber & Faber, where he ran an in-house poetry promotion which was to include flying Seamus Heaney and Craig Raine from one reading to the next in a helicopter.

In an industry which can barely extend itself to the purchase of a photocopier, this seemed a bit much. Indeed, the flight never actually took place: poets and publisher alike eventually perceived that it would have looked a little over-indulgent. But Clarke had established the principle that hype could be used on the gentle



art. More importantly, he had established the view that selling poetry could actually be profitable.

This, of course, was heresy. In 1952 T.S. Eliot, himself a poetry editor at Faber & Faber, said "The most important difference between poetry and any other department of publishing is that, whereas with most categories of books you are aiming to make as much money as possible, with poetry you are aiming to lose as little as possible." And that had been the unspoken belief of publishers ever since.

Clarke's insight, however, was that with the right combination of new work and big names from the "back-list", like Eliot himself, Auden or Sylvia Plath, plus a fair degree of hype, poetry could become, if not quite a gold mine, at least a nice little earner.

Other publishers followed suit with their own poetry promotions. Last year Douglas Dunn's *Elegies* and Wendy Cope's *Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis* both made the

best-seller lists, with sales of 18,000 and 19,000 respectively. Meanwhile the Post Laureate, Ted Hughes, and Seamus Heaney can both expect to sell 30-40,000 in the first year after publication of a new collection, while even Eliot, thanks to a certain musical, sells more than 100,000 annually of his collection *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*.

Down the line, the pickings are a little less juicy. An established poet from one of the major houses can expect a print-run of perhaps 4,000 while lesser-known figures from the dedicated band of tiny specialist poetry publishers will be in the 500-1,500 copies range.

It is among these devotees that the most jaundiced views of Poetry Live can be heard. Peter Jay and Julia Sierland run the Anvil Press from a disused pub in Greenwich. Anvil has published 160 books since it was founded in 1968 and sells a total of about 15,000 copies annually. It is a long way from the world of lunches at the Groucho

Club or even readings at the Albert Hall.

But, Jay believes, presses like Anvil are at the sharp end. It is they who find new talent — the number of completely new names published by the major houses each year is minimal. Yet he feels Poetry Live has treated him like a second-class citizen. He was not consulted, mail arrived late and yet, because of the very existence of the promotion, he felt virtually blackmailed into taking part, whatever the cost — in the event it was £500 out of Anvil's annual promotion budget of £3,000. In an open letter currently being circulated, Jay says "It's obvious that the New Marketing has made poetry obsolete".

He feels that Anvil and the other adventurous small presses have been scammed into taking part in a promotion which is entirely tailored to benefit the likes of Faber and Chatto. Furthermore, the whole promotion is overreaching itself and misinterpreting a reasonable degree of buoyancy in poetry

sales as a genuine popular resurgence.

He could be proved embarrassingly right on Tuesday. The Albert Hall event inevitably harks back to a legendary summer night in 1965 when Allen Ginsberg and the Liverpool poets read to a packed house of devotees. The air was full of the conviction that the anti-materialist, contemplative ideology of the hippies was about to restore poetry to its rightful place at the centre of the culture. In fact, it had been a pop festival like any other. The kind of verse being read was closely linked to the rock music of the day — which, in turn, was aspiring to "poetic" values. It was, nevertheless, the only way a bunch of poets were ever going to sell 3,500 tickets for anything.

People like Andrew Motion, however, remain convinced. He believes the promotion can go some way to overcoming the reputation poetry has for the man in the street of being "difficult". He sees this as an unfortunate legacy of the modernism of the early part of this century, only now being broken down by a new generation of English poets — most obviously by Philip Larkin but also since by James Fenton, Craig Raine and others.

For Peter Jay, the problem behind all such hype remains that it is based on the assumption that more means better, whereas every poetry publisher really knows that the reverse is almost always true. W.H. Auden summed it up in 1963, in a poem about literary hype called *On the Circuit*:

"Since Merit but a dunghill is,  
I mount the rostrum unafraid;  
Indeed, 'twere damnable to ask  
If I am overpaid."

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## CONCERT

### LSO/Maksymiw Barbican

Whenever mankind needs to purge the guilt of some really terrible sin, its odd custom is to re-enact the wicked deed, albeit in ritualistic form. Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand surely derives its massive emotional charge from its bizarre circumstantial links with this ancient tradition of atonement through religious sacrifice.

Arguably, one can regard the severed right arm of the concerto's dedicatee, Paul Wittgenstein, as symbolizing all the human destruction of the Great War. Therefore, a concerto for the pianist's remaining arm becomes a celebration of man's capacity to renew, to transcend tragedy. But renewal is not easily won. This solo part is one of the most awesome (for either, or both, hands) in the repertoire. In effect, every subsequent soloist since Wittgenstein must re-live the ritual of

## CONCERT

### Kun Woo Paik is one of the few around today with a tough enough technique to carry it off convincingly. The first cadenza's formidable rising sequences may have had minor blemishes, but the Korean's steely momentum never faltered, and in the second (and greater) cadenza he propelled the huge-spanned arpeggios magnificently. The epic nature of this work suits Paik, for in Mozart's D minor Concerto, K466, he had seemed careless, strident and unsettled.

That the Ravel performance conveyed so well the feeling of heroic struggle — of liberation from pain and brutality — was also due to the apposite and excellently co-ordinated sounds which the Polish conductor Jerzy Maksymiw drew from the London Symphony Orchestra.

In fact, Maksymiw had an excellent evening, launched by a sizzling *Marriage of Figaro* Overture, and concluded with a remarkable performance of Ravel's *La Valse*.

Richard Morrison

## Festival of popularity

### Robert Dawson Scott meets Di Robson, the new and determined director of Glasgow's flourishing Mayfest

"It is another arts festival, there's no doubt about that. But it doesn't start on May Day by mistake," says Di Robson, trying to anticipate what Glasgow's Mayfest is supposed to be all about. "It was started by a combination of trade unionists and radical theatre groups. It is still a celebration of people and labour and popular art."

It started five years ago, not under Miss Robson's direction — she took over after last year's event — and with much more limited resources. But like every other new venture in Glasgow at the moment it seems it can do no wrong. With huge increases in grant aid from the City Council, the Scottish Arts Council and sponsors there are now three weeks of events running until May 23. They range from the Dalian Acrobats of China to a brand-new electronic opera, *The Sleep*, by two of the darlings of the theatrical avant-garde, Pete Brooks and Jeremy Peyton-Jones. The venues are equally disparate; Glasgow's elegant Theatre Royal, for instance, rubs shoulders in the programme with the less favoured Easterhouse Unemployed Workers' Centre.

Miss Robson, a tough 34-year-old New Zealander, feels she has already, after less than a year in Glasgow, taken positive steps towards her vision of what Mayfest should grow into. "I want it to become one of the most interesting popular festivals around. At the sharp end I want the tops of what is new, young and exciting in the world and at the broader populist end I want the best acrobats and the best circus and the best of populist theatre."

The tops inevitably reflect Miss Robson's own personal taste. She singles out Adriana Borriello from Italy, Densprodruk from the Netherlands and Carlotta Ikeda from Japan as well as *The Sleep* as highlights. Significantly three of these are dance performers. "I think that some of the most important developments in creativity in the performing



Di Robson: "I want the tops of what is young and exciting"

arts are happening in dance, where the form is being played around with most, where the most innovative designers and musicians are working."

The "populist end", however, begs all sorts of questions. "There has been this idea that populist has to mean agit-prop. I think that's nonsense. The bottom line is quality. If it is good enough it could be *Tosca*." She pulls a face to indicate that she considers this a remote possibility.

In fact some of the most populist and popular events are likely to be home-grown ones. There is new work being premiered by a number of Scottish companies, including *Borderline* (an adaptation of J. MacDougal Hay's novel *Gillespie*), *Wildcat* (Tony Roper's *The Steamie*, set in a public laundry) and Scottish Dance Theatre (to a scenario by Liz Lockhead which includes a musical accompaniment of aerosol sprays), and a major revival by 7:84 of Robert McLellan's *The Gorbals Story*. "I hope that Mayfest will become a platform for the best of what Scotland has to offer set in an international context."

Where, though, in all this are Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet and the other big companies? "Scottish Opera will be in Mayfest next year as it happens, but the point is that it is not just a lot of free publicity for something they would be doing anyway. It has to be treats. There are plenty. But Miss Robson's first year in Glasgow has not been entirely trouble-free. The heterogeneous board of management of Mayfest, which embraces city councillors, trade unionists, business people and arts workers, have, despite an unanimous decision to appoint her in the first place, proved awkward taskmasters. In particular, Di Robson's decision to bring a Spanish production of *The Mikado* (in Catalan) on the grounds that, apart from being spectacular, it would have broad popular appeal, raised some eyebrows. She, however, is unrepentant:

"It is all a question of balance and in the end I have to take the decision. Look, they have got their best-ever programme, I have raised more money than anyone thought possible. It has had fantastic Press coverage, the most outside recognition it has ever had, and it has got by far the biggest-ever community programme. What more do they want?"

## Design delights

### OPERA

#### Double bill Covent Garden

The quite intense charm of David Hockney's designs alone is enough to justify this revival of the Royal Opera's pairing of fantasy operas.

Stravinsky's *The Nightingale*, brilliant with azures, cobalts, peacocks and ultramarines, is porcelain turned into banners, robes and masks, with only the fierce vermilion of the Japanese envoys to clash with the electrified willow-patterned décor. Then Ravel's *L'Enfant et les sortilèges* has the same silent yell of vivid blue against red, with a secondary opposition of pink and emerald, and with costumes and building-block sets that create a perfect landscape of sophisticated infantilism.

The settings command so much attention that one might easily overlook the simple skill with which John Dexter's production fits the action into these but they certainly do not obscure the music, to which, rather, they offer a generous receptacle and background.

Unfortunately, there were times on Monday night when some obscuring might have been welcome. At the start of *The Nightingale* the orchestra sounded as if they were asleep, and the exuberantly fussy and swirling introduction to the second act was a mess. David Atherton's grip in the Ravel, too, seemed uncertain. The franker episodes, such as the foxtrot for the teapot and the

cup, were vulgarized, the trombone here being made to bray, and the music of quiet sensuousness and magic lacked finesse.

There were discrepancies too in the singing of both works. Ann Murray remains outstanding as the child, responding quickly but also with a very necessary detachment to the various moods of petulance, anxiety and wonder; she also enunciates the ridiculous surtitles as made quite unnecessary, even supposing that they might serve any function other than to hinder the fusion of verbal and musical thought that is the essence of opera.

But some of the spoils sing with worrying weakness in music that has to be executed with precision; though this caricature does not apply to Felicity Palmer (she was also a sure Cook in *The Nightingale*), Richard Van Allan, David Wilson-Johnson and Fiona Kimm. Phyllis Bryn-Jones sounded unusually uncomfortable, both here and in the title-role warblings of the Stravinsky. Robert Tear, too, was also below his best form in his various roles as Teapot, Little Old Man, Frog and Stravinskian Fishman.

Otherwise the singing of *The Nightingale* was more even, with effective contributions from Mr Van Allan as the Chamberlain, Robert Lloyd as the Baron, Mr Wilson-Johnson as the Emperor and Alfreda Hodgson as a grave-voiced Death. The Ashton choreography was sinuously danced by Claude de Vulpian and Charles Jude.

Paul Griffiths

## Not a bang but a tinkle

### Paul Griffiths at the Monte Carlo spring festival

Chinese pranks: Sophie Boulin as Sirena, one of a pleasing quartet of singers in Gluck's *Le Cinesi*



The jewel of this year's Monte Carlo spring festival was a revival, claimed as the first in modern times with ancient instruments, of Gluck's one-act divertissement *Le Cinesi*, written in the autumn of 1754 setting a libretto by Metastasio for the prince of Saxe-Hildburghausen, and quite innocent of any breath of operatic reform: this is, rather, a trinket of cosy allusions to contemporary styles in serious, pastoral and comic opera.

The Chinese ladies of the title are a trio of bored creatures who, after the arrival of an eligible tenor, amuse themselves and each other with enacted scenes of Andromache in distress, nymph and shepherd, and a traveller returned from Europe with tales of the fabulous West: hence the three distinct kinds of operatic manner. The whole thing is framed by an overture and dance in a slight kind of musical chinoiserie: a contemporary account mentions "little bells, triangles, cymbals and other instruments" in the scoring, though no percussion instrument survives.

In this performance, played by the Concerto Köln under René Jacobs, there was only the parsimonious addition of

a tambourine: a little more percussion might have covered some of the variety of intonation and vibrato among the strings, though there were some nice woodwind sounds to be heard. A pleasant quartet of singers had been assembled, and were not helped by Herbert Wernicke's production, which took the ladies' heartaches and pranks far too seriously.

Next season the production goes on to Hamburg, Schwetzingen and Strasbourg, where it will presumably need some companion for the evening: this might be the occasion for reviving something of Jommelli. Here, however, we were offered only a pair of symphonies, Mozart's A major, No 29, and Haydn's "Le Midi", both of which rather embarrassed the orchestra.

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## ICL set to expand in Europe

ICL, Britain's biggest computer company, is actively considering setting up its first manufacturing base in continental Europe, and is also negotiating its first joint production venture with a European company. A spokesman said yesterday that expanding into continental Europe remained the group's main objective. A joint venture should be announced within three months and a decision on manufacturing plants, which are likely to be based in West Germany and either France or Spain, should be made by the end of the year.

## Smurfit ahead

Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish paper and packaging company, turned over a record £1.1 billion (£988 million) in the year to the end of January 1987. Pretax profits advanced from £136.7 million to £20.1 million. Earnings per share rose 50 per cent to 15.2p. A final dividend of 12.5p was declared making a total of 13.6p for the year.

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## Bank offer

BankAmerica Corporation, the California banking group, plans to offer \$100 million subordinated loan stock to the public, with Salomon Brothers acting as lead manager.

## Windsor deal

Windsor Securities, the acquisitive insurance broker, is paying £2.5 million for Lloyd's broker S.W. Taylor.

## SUMMARY

## STOCK MARKETS

New York ..... 2813.07 (+28.85)  
Tokyo ..... Closed  
Hong Kong ..... 2713.83 (+28.08)  
Singapore ..... 276.4 (-1.2)  
Sydney: AO ..... 1787.3 (+21.9)  
Frankfurt ..... 1785.1 (+9.0)  
Brussels: General ..... 4052.0 (-33.8)  
Paris: CAC ..... 449.6 (-3.0)  
Zurich: S&P ..... n/a  
London: FT ..... n/a  
FT: Gilt ..... 82.51 (+0.55)

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## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:  
Williams Holdings ..... 750p (+11p)  
Bakewell ..... 150p (+10p)  
Booth Industries ..... 337p (+21p)  
Turner ..... 118p (+17p)  
Walker & Staff ..... 181p (+11p)  
Associated News ..... 58p (+1p)  
J Smurfit ..... 450p (+19p)  
Campari ..... 190p (+12p)  
Coats Vytilla ..... 610p (+12p)  
British Vita ..... 681p (+22p)  
Hickson Intl ..... 280p (+17p)  
RTZ ..... 300p (+35p)  
Abbey Group ..... 157p (+15p)  
KLP Group ..... 447p (+52p)

FALLS:  
W Cook ..... 150p (-55p)  
Ladbroke ..... 413p (-25p)  
Next ..... 345p (-11p)  
Prices are as at 4pm

## INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9 3/4%  
3-month Interbank: 8 3/4-9 1/4%  
6-month eligible bills: 8 3/4-9 1/4%  
US: Prime Rate: 8%  
Federal Funds: 6 3/4%  
3-month Treasury: 5.87-5.88%  
30-year bonds: 8 1/2-8 3/4%

## CURRENCIES

London: New York: £/\$1.6875  
E: DM2.9835  
E: Sfr2.4518  
E: ¥238.810  
E: Yen233.89  
E: Index: 73.5  
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## GOLD

London Fixing:  
AM \$464.50 pm \$459.25  
AM \$457.25-457.75 (£271.25-271.75)  
New York:  
Comex \$458.40-459.00

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm \$18.40bbl (\$18.12)  
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Bank intervenes to hold sterling  
Reserves soar by \$2.9bn

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose sharply last month as the Bank of England intervened in the currency markets to hold down the pound.

The underlying rise of \$2.9 billion (£1.75 billion) was the second largest on record, and took the level of the reserves to a new high. It followed an increase of \$1.8 billion in March and emphasized the extent to which the Bank has been forced to operate a hands-on approach in the foreign exchange markets to damp down sterling.

The reserves stood at \$29.807 billion at the end of April, up from \$27.039 billion a month earlier.

"These were very strong figures, and showed that the Bank of England has been intervening heavily both in the context of the Group of Seven, and to stop the pound from rising too far above preferred levels against the mark," said Mr Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew, the broker.

The previous peak for the reserves was during the period of the pound's sharp rise in Mrs Thatcher's first term, when they hit \$28.434 billion in February 1981.

The largest underlying monthly rise in the reserves was in October 1977, when they increased by \$3.036 billion.

Although the rise exceeded most City expectations, it may have understated the true level of intervention last month, when the pound rose from \$1.60 to \$1.66.

The figures are officially described as end-month figures but do not, in fact, cover the final two days of the calendar month. The Bank was detected in the markets on

Wednesday and Thursday last week, after Tuesday's base rate cut, and this intervention was not included.

In addition, it would be normal practice for British authorities to conduct some of their intervention in the forward markets and through swap arrangements with other central banks. Such intervention would not show up immediately in the reserves.

The actual rise in the reserves last month was \$2.768 billion. There were accruals of public sector borrowing of \$66 million, capital repayments on assignments to the British Government of other public sector debt taken out under the Exchange Cover Scheme of \$3 million, and capital repayments of British Government foreign currency bonds of \$18 million. The valuation change arising from the quarterly roll-over of the European Monetary Co-operation Fund swap was a fall of \$99 million.

The main complication arising from large increases in the reserves are their effects on the growth of the money supply. In March, the heavy intervention was "sterilized" in its effects on the growth of broad money, £M3, through heavy sales of gilts to foreigners.

Mr Roger Bootle, economist at Lloyds Merchant Bank, said heavy intervention requires a change in operating methods by the Bank.

The discount houses were reluctant to offer bills to the Bank yesterday after being caught out by last week's surprise reduction in official dealing rates.

A money-market shortage of more than £1 billion was taken out during the afternoon, although only £284 million of bills were purchased. There was a sale and repurchase agreement to May 28, at a rate of 9 1/4 per cent, which took out a further £205 million, and £489 million was taken out in late lending.

But the day's money market events underlined the overwhelming sentiment for an early cut in base rates.

"It is only a matter of days before the Bank acquires and rates come down by another half," said Mr John Shepperd of Warburg.

The Bank of England attempted to inject a note of caution into market sentiment, but with limited success. The three-month interbank rate fell by a quarter of a point to 8 3/4 per cent, more than justifying a cut in base rates to 9 per cent.

The pound rose by 1.95 cents to \$1.6875, its best level since the autumn of 1982. It also rose by a penny to DM2.9810. The sterling index rose by 0.2 points to 73.5, its best since last July, and 0.4 points up on the level at which the Bank led the clearing banks into a base rate cut from 10 to 9.5 per cent last Tuesday.

the bidding company successful.

Mr Mick Newmarch, the Prudential's chief executive, said: "We accepted bids against the advice of defending boards in only a few cases."

"Our judgement is not made on short-term considerations but rather on a genuine attempt to judge the best long-term outcome with regard to the management of the companies in which we are invested."

Only 38 of these were contested bids fought to the end and in only 17 cases was

the Government wants to exploit the reserves and has asked the NIEB to submit plans for a power station which will burn the lignite—a high quality peat. Companies in the private sector have also expressed an interest in excavating the reserves and building a power station.

However, the NIEB says that the forthcoming doubling in demand for power in the province should be met by completing the second stage of the existing Kilroot power station to burn coal mined in the open cast pits of Scotland and that the lignite should be used later in the century once the technical problems associated with it are more fully understood.

At present 90 per cent of power in the province is produced from oil and although demand is projected to more than double by the end of the century, the two largest of the four power stations in the region will have by then reached the end of their economic life.

The NIEB has also looked at the possibility of building a completely new coal-fired station and has ruled that on cost grounds as well as building a link

between the province and Scotland. However, the Scottish link would also be uneconomic and the NIEB fears that the South of Scotland Electricity Board would only supply power from its more expensive non-nuclear stations.

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Howard Hodgson: "Five-star funerals at a one-star price"

## Hodgson expands funeral empire

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Hodgson Holdings yesterday became the largest publicly quoted British firm of funeral directors with its £15.5 million takeover of the undertaking business of the House of Fraser.

The business, which trades as Ingall Industries, was sold by House of Fraser for a total of £28 million in a joint deal with Hodgson and the Co-operative Wholesale Society, which acquires all the Scottish interests and firmly establishes itself as the dominant force in British undertaking.

Hodgson—built up by its chairman and managing director, Mr Howard Hodgson, from a Birmingham funeral home and two undertakers into a business now valued at nearly £30 million—more than doubles in size after the takeover.

Ingall's English business will add 52 branches to Hodgson's chain, conducting an additional 13,500 funerals a year. Hodgson will now control 4 per cent of the market, with a total of 23,000 funerals a year, making it second in size to the CWS, which now has about a quarter of the market.

Mr Hodgson, aged 36, said yesterday that rationalization of the business was inevitable, with most of Ingall's branches located close to Hodgson's.

But he ruled out compulsory redundancy among the 200 Ingall employees.

Further takeovers could be expected, said the new owner, as the Hodgson eye turns on more small, family-run businesses, and there were plans to move into family financial planning.

Mr Hodgson believes the family-run business, with its high fixed overheads, will become increasingly uneconomic and ripe for takeover.

He aims to offer "five-star funerals at a one-star price" with all customers receiving the same service, irrespective of the amount spent. The group's average income per funeral is under £500.

Death, said Mr Hodgson, had become the enigma of the 20th century, as sex had been in the 19th, and fewer sons wanted to enter the family funeral business. "By the time they are teenagers they are fed up with the jokes about it being a dead-end job."

Such attitudes have led to today's new breed of undertakers which, apart from the Co-op, are quoted on the USM—Hodgson, Kenyon Securities and Great Southern Group—accounting for 10 per cent of the market.

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## Minet to pay extra £13m on PCW affair

By John Bell, City Editor

The Minet insurance broking group has made a further provision of £12.9 million in respect of its exposure to the PCW affair. This brings the total provisions made by Minet to about £30 million since the scandal was first revealed in 1982.

The latest provision, revealed with the group's 1986 results yesterday, is designed to cover the implementation of the £137 million settlement of the PCW affair proposed by Lloyd's of London last month. Under the settlement plan, third parties like Minet and the Sedgwick Group are being asked to provide £55 million and Lloyd's itself is offering to provide £48 million. Names of the PCW syndicates are required to find £34 million in final settlement of claims.

Minet repeated yesterday that it has firm advice that it has no legal responsibility for the PCW affair, in which the founder of the syndicates misappropriated £40 million belonging to the names. "However with a view to removing uncertainty regarding protracted litigation, your board considers that it is in the group's best interests to enter into the arrangements outlined," said Minet.

The level of the final provision was more modest than analysts feared. Combined

with better than expected profits of £36.24 million compared with £30 million previously, Minet shares rose 13p to 285p immediately after the announcement. Mr Ray Pettit, the chairman of Minet Holdings, described the growth in brokerage income—at an underlying rate of 21 per cent—as "excellent".

Earnings per share rose by 29 per cent to 26.99p. Profits benefited by £2.3 million from favourable exchange rates and the group policy of hedging the dollar income of its British broking companies. The board is recommending a final dividend of 6p per share making a total for the year 17.9 per cent higher at 9.43p.

Mr Pettit said that there were welcome signs of a return to stability in world insurance markets. Capacity was increasing in certain classes of business and even in liability, the crisis seemed to have receded.

US economic problems had implications for international brokers and it was also difficult to assess the impact of the new terms of trade introduced in major parts of the London market.

But expansion of the market would create additional opportunities for brokers such as Minet.

## Big profit rise for valve firm

By Joe Joseph

Hopkinsons Holdings, the Huddersfield-based manufacturer of valves and boiler mountings, yesterday maintained the promise signalled at the half-way stage, to report pretax profits of £9.14 million for the year to January 31.

This was a third more than the previous year. Turnover climbed to £77.25 million from £65.80 million and the company is paying a final dividend of 7.25p, making 10p for the year against 7.5p.

Buoyant demand from the gas industry, fuelled through its Bryan Donkin subsidiary in Chesterfield, helped to compensate for the sluggish pace of orders from power stations.

In February, Hopkinsons paid £3.87 million for Tacar Developments.

The company also announced yesterday a restructuring of the ordinary share capital, involving a split and a bonus issue, which will result in shareholders getting three 25p shares for every one 50p share now held.

## Stockley set for £320m bid

By Colin Campbell

The fast-moving Mounleigh property group was last night preparing a formal takeover offer for Stockley, having admitted earlier yesterday that the two groups were in discussions which could lead to a bid.

The suggested price of about 125p for each Stockley share would value the bid at £320 million and give Mounleigh a promising property portfolio—part of which could be quickly sold—and additional assets which would be useful cash-generators.

Mounleigh, it is understood, has been able to formulate a full takeover for Stockley with the support of at least 29.9 per cent, now held by European Ferries, a member of the P&O Group. The formal offer, which will be made today, is also conditional on Stockley's recommendation.

Stockley's shares closed 1p weaker at 124p last night and Mounleigh fell from 287p to 272p.

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## BUSINESS SUMMARY

## Castrol pays \$19m for US company

Castrol has bought the Van Straaten Corporation, a US supplier of metal cutting fluids and other specialized metal working products, for \$19 million (£11.5 million). This latest acquisition, after Castrol's purchase of Henry E. Sanson and Sons, near Philadelphia, marks the achievement of a key element in Castrol's strategy to internationalize its industrial lubricants business.

Van Straaten is based in Chicago, with manufacturing and laboratory facilities in Chicago and Los Angeles. The company's products are sold throughout America, and a small amount is exported, principally to Japan. Turnover in 1986 was \$28 million, and it has more than 150 employees. The present management will be retained.

## COMEX lets limits drop

Record trading volumes last week in precious metal futures yesterday prompted the Commodity Exchange in New York to drop daily price limits on June and July futures contracts for gold and silver, to try to ensure trading flexibility. Contracts other than the spot month are normally only allowed to trade within a set daily price range.

## Granada in \$27m buy

Granada has acquired the National Video Corp, operating as Wells National Service Corp, from Kidd Holdings for \$27 million (£16 million). This follows the acquisition of WNY Hospital Television for \$8 million last December. These companies provide television rentals to hospital patients and television communication systems to the hospitals.

## Acquisition for Close

Close Brothers has acquired 75 per cent of a newly-formed specialist asset finance company, now called Close Asset Finance. The remaining 25 per cent is owned by its four founders, who until recently were all senior employees of the finance subsidiary of a large bank. The founder shareholders, who are all directors, are Mr David Hardisty, Mr Roger Stone, Mr Noel Poxon and Mr Murray Booker.

Close Asset Finance provides finance for corporate customers in specialist markets it knows well, whether by hire purchase, credit sale or leasing. It is involved mainly with specialist types of equipment, such as printing machinery, machine tools, heavyweight coaches and certain types of commercial vehicles and executive cars.

## Nations plan debtors' club

Leaders of 10 Latin American countries have announced plans to form a debtor-nations' club. The announcement was made in Quito, Ecuador, by Señor Osvaldo Hurtado (right), a former Ecuadorian president. Other members are Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, Uruguay, Peru, Chile and Brazil.



## BTP sells offshoot to Gibbon Lyons

Gibbon Lyons Group, the printing ink business established 80 years ago, is acquiring Dufay Reprographics from BTP for £1.98 million to be met by the allotment of BTP of 1 million 7 per cent £1 convertible preference shares. Gibbon and Co, the stockbroker, will place the shares with institutional clients although 100,000 preference shares will be made available on a one-for-four entitlement at 108p per share to allow shareholders other than directors and their families to participate.

Conversion is on a one-for-one basis until 1999. The ordinary share price is about 111p. The preference shares will be on the Unlisted Securities Market. The purchase price is at net asset value. Profits for 1986-87 were about £26,000 on £5 million turnover.

## STOCK MARKET

## Gilts boosted by hopes of another interest rate cut

By Michael Clark

Government securities took up the running on the stock market yesterday as the prospect of another half-point cut in interest rates shortly gathered momentum.

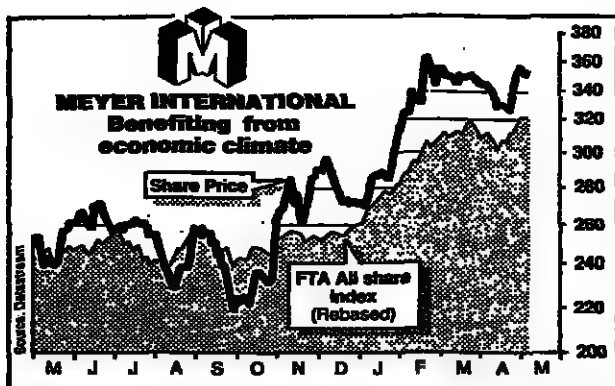
Gains at the longer end of the market stretched to £1 and the Government Broker was able to exhaust the remaining supplies of last week's new £1 billion tap. The Bank of England, hoping to make the most from the market's confidence, announced its first-ever sale of gilts stock by auction. It is issuing £1 billion, Treasury 8 per cent, 1992.

Investors were also cheered by the Government's strong showing in the weekend opinion polls and the latest official reserves, showing their second biggest-ever leap.

Mr Stephen Lewis, an economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, says that the current strength of the pound against the weak dollar points to yet cheaper money. He said: "Another half per cent cut in base rates can be expected within the next few days."

He is confident that yields—currently trading at around 8½ per cent—will soon be down to 8 per cent.

Meanwhile, the equity market decided to mark time ahead of this week's local government elections. Prices drifted after a firm start with the FT index of 30 shares closing unchanged at 1,626.9.



while the FT-SE 100 lost 3.4 at 2,065.1.

Hoare Govett, the broker, was said to be a big buyer of ASDA-MFI, unchanged at 161p, as almost 5 million shares were traded. They are reckoned to be a "chart buy"—once they hit the 173p level.

Whitbread "A" firming by 1p to 348p, while the "B" were unchanged at 358p, ahead of full-year figures in a couple of weeks' time. Mr Victor McColl, a drinks expert at Kleinwort, says that the company's profits are expected to rise from £136.8 million to £160 million and says that they are an even better investment now they have lost the premiums they held over other brewery shares.

Reckitt & Colman, up 10p at £10.22, is due to address a seminar of analysts in the City today. Mr John St Lawrence, the new chief executive, will also be making his debut.

Ladbroke, the betting, property and leisure group, suffered an early fall from which it never recovered as rumours swept the market. Ladbroke moved quickly to counter the

were also believed to be wide of the mark. Several leading brokers reported heavy selling of the shares and this was reflected in the price, which closed 39p lower on the day at 405p, while the fully-paid new shares lost a similar amount at 392p and the warrants slipped 5p to 377p. More than 8 million shares were traded as

around £133 million was wiped from the group's stock market value of £1.54 billion.

Meyer International, Britain's biggest timber group, continued to nudge towards its peak of 365p with a rise of 2p to 355p after announcing the disposal of its Brynmre subsidiary to Bullough.

Mr Mark Stockdale, a building analyst with Savory Mill, the broker, is a big fan of Meyer and builders' merchants in general. He reckons that the strength of sterling interest rates should be good news for companies such as Meyer.

Colergraphic, one of Britain's biggest printers of advertising literature, made a confident start to first-time dealings. Placed by Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham broker, at 125p each, they opened at 163p—a premium of 38p.

Hopes of a counter-bid lifted Combined English Stores by 16p to 576p. Last week, Raters, the jeweller, made an agreed £304 million offer after earlier talks between the two sides had failed. But now there is talk that someone else is waiting in the wings. Among the names being put forward are Next, the retail chain headed by Mr George Davis and Woolworth. Next ended the day 11p lower at 343p as Woolworth eased by 5p to 827p. Raters recovered an early 5p fall to close unchanged at 363p.

## WALL STREET

## Dow jumps 29 points in early buying spree

New York (Agencies) — Shares rose in early trading yesterday as investors began to believe that there will be good Japanese demand for the Treasury refunding, which began yesterday, bought a wide array of stocks. Computer manufacturers and airlines led the advance.

One trader explained: "The refunding is the big issue this week and everyone is waiting to see how it goes—what the foreign demand is and whether it will cause a rise in rates."

The Dow Jones Industrial average climbed by 29.26 to 2,315.48.

On Monday, the Dow average closed 5.82 higher at 2,286.22.

Ford Motor reported in Detroit that its car sales for April rose by 7.1 per cent to 168,812 and trucks by 14.6 per cent to 133,510. In the year to date, car sales are up by 1.8 per cent to 651,441, while truck sales are 10.3 per cent greater at 465,971.

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Alfred Lyons	3,000	English China	981	Rank Org	187
Amrad	2,500	Fisons	456	Rank Hovis	1,200
Argyll	1,700	Gen Asistent	180	Redland	851
ASDA-MFI	4,500	GEC	2,300	Reed Int	885
Ass Br Foods	273	Glen	406	Reed Int	885
BET	5,700	Globe IT	121	Reed Int	885
BRT	2,400	Grand Ind	2,400	Reed Int	885
BAT	2,200	Grand Ind	2,500	Reed Int	885
Bardays	848	GUS A	361	Reed Int	885
Bass	911	GUS A	373	Reed Int	885
Beecham	1,800	GUS A	373	Reed Int	885
Blue Circle	293	GUS A	373	Reed Int	885
BOC	2,600	Hanson	7,300	Reed Int	885
Boots	1,300	Hawker Siddeley	402	Reed Int	885
BPD Ind	847	Hitelcom	4,800	Reed Int	885
BPCO	6,500	Imp Chem Ind	604	Reed Int	885
Br Aerospace	1,200	Jaguar	1,800	Reed Int	885
Br Airways	2,800	Ladbrokes	7,400	Reed Int	885
Br Comm	88	Land Securities	347	Reed Int	885
Br Gas	8,900	Legal & Gen	434	Reed Int	885
Br Petroleum	4,500	Lloyds	774	Reed Int	885
Br Telecom	7,500	London	1,100	Reed Int	885
Britoil	1,400	Morris & Spencer	1,800	Reed Int	885
Buro	1,000	MSPC	307	Reed Int	885
Burns	1,800	Midland	288	Reed Int	885
Cable & Wireless	1,700	Mid West	719	Reed Int	885
Caithness Shipw	1,800	Mid West	719	Reed Int	885
Castle Viste	472	P & O Dred	788	Reed Int	885
Com Union	964	Pearson	1,800	Reed Int	885
Cons Goldfields	838	Plenney Bros	773	Reed Int	885
Conoco Oil	187	Plenney Bros	773	Reed Int	885
Courtauld	307	Whitbread A	917	Reed Int	885
Dacia Corp	2,700	Rail Elect	870	Reed Int	885
Demos Op	2,800			Reed Int	885

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## TEMPUS

## Smurfit's Irish eyes still smile

The purchase of Container Corporation of America confirms the widely held suspicion that Jefferson Smurfit, the Dublin paper and packaging group, has, appropriately, the luck of the Irish.

Last summer Smurfit almost doubled its size while increasing its balance sheet debt by only £60 million (£54 million).

In a joint venture with Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, Jefferson Smurfit Corporation, the 78 per cent-owned US subsidiary, bought the assets of Container Corporation from Mobil for \$1.2 billion (£710 million). The deal was financed by junk bonds.

Off-balance sheet financing can be debated at length; in this instance, at least, the underlying trading performance of the assets acquired is satisfactory.

A \$51 million maiden contribution came last year from Publishers' Paper Company (renamed Smurfit Newsprint) and energy savings accounted for more than half the 70 per cent increase in profits achieved by SNC year on year.

Dollar weakness affects profits on translation, but, conversely, leads to a higher level of domestic activity and firmer prices. Higher prices for several products are expected this year.

Smurfit's increasing vertical and horizontal integration reduces the effect of a cyclical downturn. Although the company is not expecting one for at least 18 months, the impact of a change in the cycle remains a concern.

Until the CCA debt has been reduced, acquisition activity will be limited to "add-ons" in Britain and Europe. The biggest gap in the Smurfit portfolio is in fine papers, so a move in this area should not be ruled out.

Fortune, the US business magazine, voted JSC Smurfit's US quoted subsidiary, as the company that had given its shareholders the highest total return last year.

The price has moved up strongly in recent months reflecting this, and on current forecasts of about £115 million pretax, the shares are selling at a premium. If earnings grow to more than £40p in 1988-89, the rating is more enticing.

In the meantime, US and Irish institutional interest underpins the price.

## Speedy Mountleigh

Mountleigh Group is more than living up to its reputation as a fast mover.

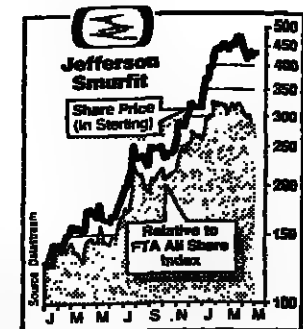
It bought United Real Property Trust last August for £117 million and unfurled interim pretax profits of £13 million against £2.3 million in December.

Mountleigh bought the former home of The Times in Gray's Inn Road, central London, for £22.5 million in April and yesterday set its sights on Stockley in a deal which could be worth £320 million.

The group, which two years ago was reporting annual pretax profits of £2.5 million, looks set to turn in 1987 profits of more than £30 million.

Mountleigh intends to buy Stockley just when Stockley's net asset value is about to come into its own. The last published net worth of Stockley was 65p a share.

But now that the property acquired from European Ferries has been sorted out—and adding in the large development schemes of Stockley Park, Heathrow, the Pater-



## Minet

Minet, the insurance broker, has laboured for so long under the shadow of the Lloyd's PCW scandal that its shares have become dogged with a rating well below the sector average. Yesterday's figures, widely regarded by analysts as highly encouraging, at last show the light at the end of the tunnel.

The group has made a further £12.9 million of provisions in respect of its exposure to PCW which brings the total since the scandal broke in 1982 to about £30 million. The latest figure is to cover the costs of its as yet undisclosed contribution to the £103 million PCW settlement proposed by Lloyd's, as well as various contingent liabilities. The provision takes no account of any future credits for tax relief or other recoveries and, therefore, can be considered as conservative.

Market estimates show there may be about £10 million of previous provisions unaccounted for, so it appears that Minet expects the final cost of putting the affair to rest at about £23 million.

The other good news for Minet shareholders is that problems on professional indemnity business, an important part of Minet's brokerage, appear to have eased considerably, which augurs well for the current year.

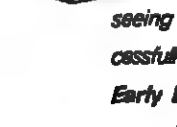
Analysts are looking for profits of £41 million to give earnings per share of about 30p. Although shares rose 13p in early trading after the figures, they are still cheap at 275p. They should be worth 350p or more on an average prospective rating for the sector. Provided the PCW settlement goes unconditionally at the end of the month, the shares should make further headway.

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If you would like to receive a copy of John Menzies' 1987 Annual Report, please write to The Secretary, John Menzies plc, Hanover Buildings, Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YQ.

## TABLE OF RESULTS

TURNOVER	£595.7M	+ 8.9%
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	£22.7M	+ 16.4%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	24.9p	+ 26.4%
DIVIDENDS	4.65p	+ 14.8%

John Menzies

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5 MAY, 1987



Company resolution seeks to remove Saunders as director

## Macfarlane steadies the Guinness helm

Guinness shareholders should receive, with their morning post today, a message from Sir Norman Macfarlane, the chairman of the drinks group, telling them what is being done to sort out the secret deals that triggered the government investigation into the company.

Along with Sir Norman's letter will come the company's annual report and accounts, and a list of company resolutions — one of them to remove Mr Ernest Saunders, the erstwhile chairman and chief executive, as a director.

Sir Norman's letter is an update on his January 16 communication. This revealed that Guinness had discovered £25 million worth of inexplicable payments, in connection with the takeover of the Distillers Company; that it was concerned about its \$100 million investment in a fund run by Mr Ivan Boesky; the terms under which Schenley Industries was distributing Dewar's whisky in the US; and unlawful indemnities given to the Swiss bank, Bank Leu, by former Guinness directors.

Those looking for further dramatic revelations are likely to be disappointed. Sir Norman is expected to tell shareholders, in general terms, that

By Lawrence Lever the company has begun legal actions and entered discussions to try to recover the £17 million, out of the £25 million payments, that has not been returned.

However, Mr Herbert Smith, the company's lawyer, has been concerned not to prejudice the course of these actions by giving too much away — not least because it wants Guinness to keep its tactics to itself. The company, while anxious to keep shareholders reassured that all necessary steps are being taken, also wants to distance itself from the entirely separate investigation carried out by the Department of Trade and Industry.

What can be said is that Guinness has traced all the recipients of mystery payments and is committed to getting all the money back. It has been in discussions with the people behind Rudani Corporation, the recipient of a £1.95 million payment, and Cific, which was paid £1.93 million. It is also talking to Morgan Grenfell, its former merchant bank adviser, and with Sir Jack Lyons, the Leeds businessman, and Mr Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker, to recover more than £7 million paid to them.

One matter resolved is the

dispute over 2.15 million shares bought by Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, with the aid of £7.6 million provided by Guinness. This deal was arranged by Mr Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell and Lord Patrick Spens of Ansbacher, both of whom have since lost their jobs.

At one point, Guinness claimed the shares belonged to Ansbacher and that the £7.6 million was merely a deposit to persuade the bank not to sell the shares. Ansbacher claimed the money was a payment and that Guinness, or whoever the company nominated, owned the shares.

The shares have recently been sold to James Capel, one of the company's brokers, and the £300,000 losses incurred on the sale split equally between Guinness, Morgan Grenfell, and Ansbacher.

Guinness is also negotiating with Rapid American Corporation, parent of Schenley. Guinness claims the distribution agreement and assignment of the US trademark for Rapid are invalid. They appear to tie Guinness indefinitely to using Schenley as US distributor for Dewar's — highly unusual, even though Schenley is regarded efficient.



Sir Norman Macfarlane (top), the new Guinness chairman; former bankers Lord Spens (left) and Roger Seelig

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

### Art of casting Pearls before shareholders

The takeover of Sun Life Assurance promises to become a collectors' piece, a classic of the merchant banker's art which at its best combines a daring prose style with the skills of a Bond Street auctioneer. Of course, there is no takeover, at least not yet, but headlines in respectable journals like "TSB Poised To Save Sun Life" and "Sun Life May Merge With Pearl" suggest that something is afoot, even if it is no more than wishful thinking about the Sun Life chairman and saviour-elect, Lazarus merchant banker, Peter Grant.

Like the TSB before it, Pearl yesterday issued a ritual denial of "newspaper suggestions" that it was in merger talks with Sun Life. All we are left with, it seems, is Mr Grant's publicly stated opinion "if we did decide to merge, the Pearl would be a good fit," and an increasingly cross Takeover Panel the rules of which are carefully designed to discourage this kind of informed speculation.

So much for the courtesies. The reality is that, faced with an ambitious 25.7 per cent shareholder it does not like, Sun Life is prepared to sell itself to the highest bidder. This is a high-risk strategy. It lacks the dignity life assurance companies regard as part of their nature and it may damage reputations. Worst of all, if Sun Life is openly put up for auction, the highest bidder could well be Transatlantic Insurance, the very shareholder it wishes would go away.

There is no obvious reason why Transatlantic, which is effectively owned (48 per cent) by Liberty Life of South Africa and directed by Donald Gordon, should go away. Its shareholding, at market value, is worth about £175 million and merely to sell it could involve a hefty capital gains tax bill. Another company would need Transatlantic's approval if it were to avoid a bloody battle — not a condition easy to imagine. The TSB, flushed with thoughts of grandeur and cash, might be tempted to make an offer Mr Gordon could not refuse, but if it were, Sir John Read would be putting his reputation on the line for a second time, and the Bank of England would put itself in an invidious position if it suddenly decided it liked a bank-insurance merger more than it liked this particular South African connection.

Mr Grant, aware that Mr Gordon is determined "to maintain a long-term investment" in Sun Life, is in a corner, though not yet cornered. He may regret not having tried to reach some accommodation with Mr Gordon long before the music stopped and they found themselves arguing over the same chair. A partnership which would undoubtedly have had advantages for both sides was possible at various stages in the

building of Transatlantic's shareholding, but no longer. Sun Life has taken the view that it would be in the interests primarily of directors, management and staff, secondarily of life policy holders, to be free of Mr Gordon's clutches. Hence the hunt for a white knight — in the US, Australia and London.

Shareholders, who have already seen their shares rise to immensely rewarding heights, can only smile at the situation. A serious blocking bid at a higher price might succeed, or it might provoke a bid from the Gordon side: either would be to their immediate advantage, and would justify Mr Grant's campaign strategy.

### Under the hammer

The Old Lady looks to have a dainty action with the hammer judging by her first experiment at auctioning gilts. To discreet applause, the Bank of England yesterday announced the terms of the first stock to be sold at auction.

As foreshadowed, it is a conventional short-dated stock — £1 billion of 8 per cent Treasury 1992 to be auctioned a week today. This is a little less than the full £1.25 billion that was the maximum the Bank said it might issue. The stock is also partly paid with £50 payable on application and the balance — which will vary according to the price bid by individual purchasers — payable on June 29. Dealers judged it an attractive stock and the initial price in the "when issued" market rose 1/2 point in the course of the day to 48 1/2. The timing for the experiment could hardly be better. Sterling continued to rise strongly in foreign exchange markets yesterday and expectations of lower interest rates increased. Three-month money in the interbank market, one advance indicator of base rate changes, fell 1/4 per cent to 8 1/2 per cent where it is clearly indicating another 1/2-point off.

The British auction is also well timed from a monetary point of view. The spectacular increase in the reserves last month of \$2.9 billion implies a considerable sum of sterling unleashed into foreigners' hands. A gilt issue which may be expected to attract a good deal of foreign interest will help to neutralize the potential addition to the money supply. Formal targets for sterling M3 may be a thing of the past but the Bank can hardly ignore the effect of intervention on a scale which could add up to 3 per cent to broad money in one month.

Auctions will not always be so well timed from the seller's point of view. The point of auctions is to fix the timing in advance and ensure a steady funding programme. It remains to be seen how big a price the Bank (and the taxpayer) will have to pay over time for the privilege of regularity.

### Battle for Garnar heats up

By Lawrence Lever

The tug of war between Hillsdown Holdings and the Pittard Group for control of Garnar Booth, the leather manufacturer, intensified yesterday with Pittard announcing its offer would close this Friday and would not be increased.

Pittard and Garnar Booth had agreed merger terms but were interrupted last week when Hillsdown launched a £24.7 million offer for Garnar Booth.

Hillsdown has a 24 per cent stake in Garnar. Pittard announced yesterday it had received acceptance from shareholders owning 35.9 per cent of Garnar. This includes 4 per cent owned by the Garnar board, which has come off the fence it occupied when Hillsdown launched its bid.

A recent rise in Pittard's shares has taken its all-share offer to £25.46 million or 262.6p a share.

Hillsdown's share offer values Garnar at £24.96 million or 257.1p a share. Hillsdown is also offering cash at 255p for each Garnar share.

Mr David Macdonald, Pittard's chairman, said yesterday his company had "barely considered" increasing its offer for Garnar. "Our offer is already very good, financially more than Hillsdown's, and in conceptual terms, far better."

His decision to extend Pittard's offer by only a week was because "we want to get on with the job". He said: "We are not going to change our programme to suit Hillsdown."

### UK Provident sells its 26% Newman holding

By Joe Joseph

United Kingdom Provident Institution (UKPI), the troubled life insurance company forced into an operational merger with Friends' Provident last year after problems with a number of speculative oil and gas investments, has sold its 26 per cent stake in Newman Industries, the engineering group.

Winterbottom Holdings, a listed Australian investment holding company with interests from machine-making to merchant banking, is paying about £19.8 million for UKPI's 32,992,000 Newman shares.

The bulk of Newman's business, after shedding several loss-makers, now consists of Avdel, its fastening and assembly systems division. But Mr Nigel McLean, the chairman, who welcomes Winterbottom as Newman's largest shareholder, said yesterday: "We expect to grow

into a diversified industrial and engineering company."

Newman's shares, long buoyed by speculation about a possible takeover, jumped a further 7p yesterday to 62.5p. But Mr John Shepherd, the chairman and chief executive of Winterbottom, who will join Newman as a non-executive director, says his company has no plans to increase its stake.

"We traditionally have bought 30 to 40 per cent of listed companies in Australia. We are very comfortable with those levels," he said.

Friends' Provident, had wanted to sell the UKPI stake. "Newman Industries, although a perfectly good company, was rather too heavy a holding, comprising more than 6 per cent of UKPI's British equities," said Mr Peter Silvester, the general manager of investments at

Friends' Provident. Mr Shepherd said that Winterbottom, foreseeing rocky times for the Australian economy, had been looking to diversify its assets and earnings base and found in Newman an attractive foothold for its European aspirations. "This will become our principal British industrial vehicle," he said.

UK Provident has yet to convince policy holders that its operational merger with Friends' Provident was in their best interests, after a policy holders' meeting last week.

Mr Brendan Donnellan, the honorary secretary of the UKPI policy holders' council, complains of inadequate notice about meetings, a lack of communication and conflicts of interest of members of both the Friends' and UKPI boards.

### Siemens up 4% at half time

Bonn (AP-Dow Jones) — Siemens yesterday said group profits rose by 4 per cent to DM664 million (£223 million) in the first half of fiscal 1987, from DM638 million a year earlier.

Sales at the West German electrical and electronics company soared 18 per cent to DM26 billion from DM22 billion. Siemens said turnover in the period to end-March was boosted by delayed accounting for delivery of a nuclear power plant in Brokdorf, West Germany.

Domestic sales, reflecting

the size of the project, soared 32 per cent to DM13.7 billion from DM10.3 billion, but would have gained 5 per cent without Brokdorf, Siemens said. Export sales increased 6 per cent to DM12.3 billion.

Analysts said the interim results were broadly in line with expectations and would be received well.

Siemens gained an important distribution vehicle in the US earlier this year through the purchase of most operations of Telecom-Plus International for about \$165 million (£98 million). An-

alysts say the move will help the company in its drive to market its digital telephone-switching gear in North America.

Siemens said new order bookings rose 7 per cent in the first half to DM26.8 billion from DM25 billion a year earlier. In the export sector, where orders increased 5 per cent to DM14.3 billion, the increased business volume resulting from company acquisitions compensated for the negative effect on bookings from the lower dollar, Siemens said.

### Fast cat's peaceful purpose

Jaguar would appear to have found a true friend in the Japanese Ambassador, Toshio Yamazaki. Asked in London last week by Japan's visiting Minister of International Trade and Industry, Hajime Tamura, what sort of peace gesture he could make to calm down talk of a trade war, it was suggested he bought a British car. Which one? "Jaguar," replied the envoy. What's more, we understand that the embassy is making the same recommendation to all passing Japanese dignitaries. Such steps to attract British imports, while laudable, are unlikely to make much of a dent in the £3.8 billion trade surplus Japan notched up with Britain last year. Diplomatic support might, however, help Jaguar in its bid to become the No 1 British car in Japan. The Mini is the current leader (think of parking in Tokyo), the accounting for 778 of the 1,122 British cars sold in the first quarter this year. Jaguar was second, with 63. This was well down on the 99 that fell in last year, but the fall was nothing to do with chauvinism. It reflected a change of model and a switching dealer. Jaguar have yet to hear from Tamura, but remain optimistic about this year's sales to Japan, which they expect to be around 600, or 25 per cent ahead of last year. Though the absolute numbers of cars sold in Japan remain modest, they rose 58 per cent in the first quarter. Japanese officials are keen to point out.

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### A bridge too far?

London Bridge is up for sale. Not the new one across the Thames, but the old one which was sold to the Americans for just under \$2.5 million in 1968, and then broken up and shipped across the Atlantic to be re-assembled in the middle of the Arizona desert. It was cruelly said at the time that when the buyers, directors of the McCulloch Oil Corpora-

tion, took the bridge out of its boxes, they were a little miffed to find that they hadn't bought Tower Bridge. Never mind, they diverted a river to run underneath the arches, and made it the centrepiece for a theme park in Lake Havasu City. It appeared not to have been the attraction that was hoped, and the whole complex is now reported up for auction.

### Tied cottages

The obvious solution to the housing snag which prevents companies in booming London luring the jobless from the North has been hit upon by



"It's a start — it's a key to the non-executives' bathroom"

Tom Wilmot of Harvard Securities. It might have been thought that he had more than enough to do trying to make Harvard persona grata with the Stock Exchange, which has yet to grant him membership, but just as big a headache, he says, is recruiting capable backroom staff. So tomorrow he is off to Newcastle to find 15 suitably qualified youngsters, with the help of the Department of Employment, to work in Harvard's South-west office. The big attraction will be accommodation, and Harvard has formed a property company to buy suitable houses close by. The recruiting problem is nothing to do with Harvard's well publicized lack of acceptance, but one which he says is affecting every stockbroker, however blue-blooded. What happens to the lads and lasses who don't make it in the Big Smoke? "We give them a ticket back home."

### Burying the opposition

There is no point being maudlin over death, particularly if it is making you lots of money. Witness Howard Hodgson, the millionaire managing director of Britain's fastest-growing and most acquisitive funeral directors, Birmingham-based Hodgson Holdings. He makes a startling change to the starchy hand-wringing, sentimental soapiness of the American undertaker epitomized in Forrest Gump. He launched his company's takeover of a big slice of the House of Fraser funeral business yesterday, sporting a pink striped tie and natty suit, and oozing the confidence and dynamism of a 36-year-old about to conquer the world. He predicted that the next big increase in dying — scheduled for the turn of the century when the 1940s "baby boomers" generation starts passing away — would see a less sentimental attitude among the British rather than the sugary hypocrisy of the Americans. His own company is bent on more takeovers and diversification: "but not into coffin-making — we would be much better at running hotels."

It could be part of the hazard of working for a company dominated by actuaries. The latest issue of the Norwich Union staff newspaper reports: "In line with the falling birthrate nationally, the trend continued at NU and those women taking maternity leave dropped by 6.8 per cent to 157 1/2."

Ray Heath

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Amberley Castle, above, is mainly 14th-century but modernizations include even an electric portaculis. Tintinhull Court, below, is essentially Jacobean



Houses that are listed Grade 1 are by their limited numbers something special. They are designated as of "exceptional interest" and they make up only 2 per cent of the 500,000 houses now listed as being of sufficient interest to make their preservation desirable if not vital.

Their value is not always matched by their state of preservation, however, and the cost involved in keeping them in good condition can be prohibitive. One example of the sad state to which these jewels of our heritage can decline is Melton Constable Hall, near Holt, Norfolk, the Grade I 17th-century house used as the setting for the film of L.P. Hartley's novel *The Go-Between*.

The owner was forced to sell last year after Norfolk County Council served a compulsory purchase and repairs order, and the house was bought for a reported £250,000 figure. It then needed £1 million spent on repairs.

The new owner, a foreign-based investment company, has begun a £3 million scheme to convert the main portion of the house into a multi-purpose cultural centre, and the wings, courtyards and outbuildings into 31 houses and apartments costing from £45,000 to £250,000. They will be available during the next five years through Strutt & Parker's Norwich office.

The grand houses now on the market include a fine example of Jacobean architecture, two castles with moats, and a medieval manor house with a history embracing the Gunpowder Plot and "completed" this century by Lutens.

Tintinhull Court in the village of Tintinhull, near Yeovil, is essentially of the Jacobean period, although it dates from 1328 when it was a church house, associated with Muchelney Abbey.

It was considerably enlarged and altered at the end of the 18th century and also at the beginning of this century. The house, built of dressed sandstone, has stone mullion windows with leaded lights, pine panelling, oak beams, carved staircases and handsome fireplaces.

It has been extensively overhauled by the present owners, and the accommodation includes three reception rooms and seven principal bedrooms.

The gardens and grounds, in which there is an Elizabethan-style summer

house, total 19 acres. The house once changed hands repeatedly on the turn of a card. This time Michael Waite, a Sherborne-based firm, is asking for offers of more than £300,000.

Knight Frank & Rutley is offering two moated castles. Amberley Castle, near Arundel, West Sussex, is believed to date mainly from the 14th century when a licence was granted to crenellate and put up the present fortifications. Incorporated within the walls are the remains of an earlier stone manor house dating from about 1190. The Grade I listed house is divided into three sections, with the west wing run as a family home.

The moated castle was altered in the 16th century and again in 1927 and has been considerably restored by the present owners. The portaculis is now electrically operated.

The accommodation includes six bedrooms, while there are 11 more bedrooms in the east wing and a five-bedroom tower house. The property stands in about 11 acres, and the asking price is more than £750,000.

Wingfield Castle, near Diss, Suffolk, is also a Grade I moated castle, but the castle walls enclose only two rooms, including the restored guard room over the entrance. The main accommodation is in the fine Tudor manor house adjoining the walls.

It is believed to be the only inhabited castle in Suffolk, and has a great hall, two further reception rooms, three bedroom suites and two more bedrooms. Also in the grounds of 10 acres is a 16th-century farmhouse moved to the site much later,

at present used as a banqueting hall. Knight Frank & Rutley is seeking offers of more than £500,000.

The Manor House at Ashby St Ledgers, not far from Rugby and close to the M1, has medieval origins and came to the Catesby family in the late 14th century. Sixth in line was Robert Catesby, who with Guy Fawkes hatched the Gunpowder Plot in the gatehouse, and fled back to Ashby when the plot was discovered - it is said he covered the 30 miles from Westminster in seven hours.

A south wing was added in the 17th century, and it was not until the 20th century that it was balanced by a north wing. This was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, brought in by Lord Wimborne, who bought the Manor in 1903. Lutyens continued to work on the house until the owner's death in 1939.

The house displays one of Lutyens' few works in Gothic timber, the North Hall, carried out to link the two houses, and extending to the present office wing. He disapproved of Lord Wimborne's decision to bring a complete hall house from Suffolk, but it arrived, and is now the billiards room. Lutyens also planned and established the gardens, creating lakes and a bridge and building terraces.

Now carefully restored to the finest condition, the property stands in 33 acres, which include a swimming pool and an all-weather tennis court. Hampton & Sons is not specifying a price but expects that around £2 million will buy it.

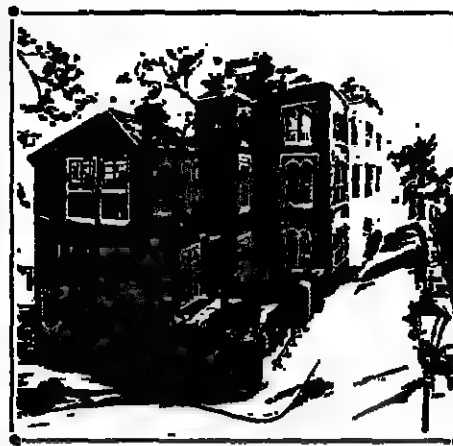
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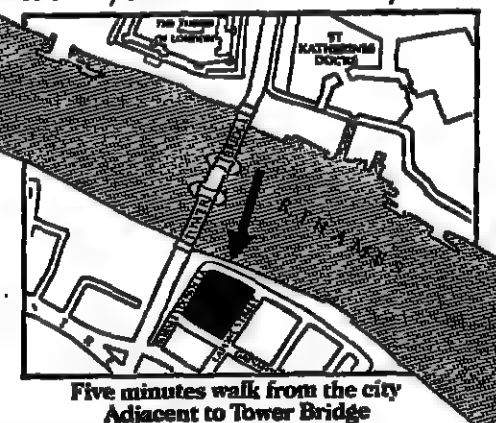
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# Signor Sam fights back to take final Times qualifier

John Sharp scored far more easily than the 1½ length verdict suggests.

Not surprisingly on the first day a few of Saturday runners turned out again. One who did was Bergerose who following his Badbury Ring success made all at the Cote D'Azur, the favourite. Little Dubby, unseated his rider at the 13th fence.

The Heart of All England winner, Saucy Knight, was a disappointment on his return to point-to-pointing, having to be scrubbed along all the way in 22 seconds fourth out of five in the 22nd round. The winner, Chris Wilson on Father Delaney, never completed a double on Jack Burns in the Maiden.

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# An opening stand and a short-pitched battle on the agenda

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The new Mound stand will be officially opened, though it will be some weeks before it is fully finished, by the Duke of Edinburgh at Lord's this evening after the start of MCC's first since the resignation of David Clark and the departure as secretary of Jack Bailey.

The meeting is at 2.30 and the opening of the stand at 7.30. At 8.0 comes the anniversary dinner, a permanent fixture on the first Wednesday in May since 1825.

The annual meeting seldom passes without someone trying to get the ball past the president's bat. With over 18,000 members entitled to be there that is hardly surprising, and this time there are two fertile areas for debate — the design of the rebuilt stand and the question of whether MCC have gone far enough, if not too far, in surrendering to the Test and County Cricket Board certain rights pertaining to Lord's.

If it seems clumsy that relations between MCC and the TCCB should have allowed to develop into a trial of strength between the committee of MCC on the one hand and the secretary supported by the treasurer on the other, that is indeed what happened. In the end the impasse became intolerable, a situation which had been building up for some years. As Colin Cowdrey, the president, said in a recent letter to all members, there was a danger of a "complete disruption" of a harmonious understanding between MCC and the TCCB.

Members of MCC will be hoping to be reassured today

that the club's rights and privileges are being properly protected. They need have no fears, I think, that they are by an increasingly experienced and practical committee. It is as well to remember in this respect that MCC helped to create the TCCB (in 1968) for the very purpose of organizing, administering and promoting first-class cricket in this country, and that they are members of it.

Even in the last fortnight they have acceded to Pakistan's request for a minimum of only 90 overs a day in this season's Test matches when they should, and could, have insisted upon 96 at the very least. That is nonsense, and someone with Mr Bailey's aplomb and Mr Clark's insistence might have carried the day in saying so.

But it is the management of major matches at Lord's that became such a bone of contention.

## Imran is happy to sit it out again

Pakistan, who opened their three-day fixture with a drawn match against Surrey, met at Canterbury, starting today, with captain Imran Khan again happy to leave himself out of the team, so content is he at the way the tour has started. He is saving himself for the match against county champions Essex which begins at Chelmsford on Saturday.

Kent's West Indian all-rounder Eldine Baptiste makes his first appearance of the season, while the opening batsman, Mark Benson, is rested. The reserve wicketkeeper, Paul Farbrace, aged 19, will make his first-class debut if Steven Marsh does not recover from a damaged thumb.

The Essex fast bowler Neil Foster and the opening batsman Chris Gladwin are expected to return to the Essex side for the county championship match at Leamington. Both missed the Sunday League defeat against Somerset at Taunton because of injury.

The Hampshire batsman Robin Smith and the all-rounder Nigel Cowley are both missing against Yorkshire at Huddersfield. Smith will be out of action for at least a month after breaking a thumb fielding against the Combined Universities on Saturday, while Cowley has a dislocated shoulder.

David Bairstow has been forced to pull out of the Yorkshire team. He damaged a

shoulder when falling heavily during the Refuge Assurance League match against Warwickshire last Sunday. Richard Blakey deputizes behind the stumps and Neil Harley comes into the squad, along with the off-spinner Phil Berry, aged 20.

Robin Boyd-Moss will be missing from the Northamptonshire side for the match against Middlesex at Lord's. The former Cambridge blue has a damaged thumb received whilst fielding in the Benson and Hedges cup match against Derbyshire on Saturday, and his place looks set to go to the all-rounder Duncan Wild. Both of Northants' overseas players are named in the 12, with the pace bowler Winston Davis likely to get the nod ahead of Roger Harper.

Sussex will be without key pace bowler Dermot Reeve for the match against Worcestershire at New Road. Reeve, leading wicket taker last season, is suffering from a back injury.

England all-rounder Richard Ellison, who has been kept out of the Kent side this season by a back injury sustained in Tasmania during the winter, plays for the county's second XI at Old Trafford against Lancashire today. Ellison, aged 27, has had a special injection to try and cure the problem and Christopher Cowdrey, the Kent captain, said: "He's playing this game as a batsman, but hopefully will be able to bowl a few overs later in the match."

## TENNIS

### Navratilova's strong service rescues her

Rome (AP) — Martina Navratilova, the top seed, struggled past Sabrina Golea, of Yugoslavia, yesterday, winning 7-6, 7-6 in the second round of the Italian Open women's tournament. Miss Navratilova, the world's top-ranked player, who has yet to win a tournament this year, needed the 45min to pull out her first match on the red clay courts at the Foro Italico.

Miss Golea, seeded third, gave Miss Navratilova all she could handle with a powerful top-spin forehand and tricky slice backhand. Miss Navratilova's strong service carried her through in the key points.

FIRST ROUND: N. Pietrangeli (USSR) to H. Guler (TUR) 6-1, 6-4; M. J. Fernandez (USA) to J. Norman (CAN) 6-2, 6-4; C. C. Moore (USA) to A. Dell'Omo (ITA) 6-1, 6-4; J. Zvereva (USSR) to L. L. L. (ARG) to S. Mier (USA) 6-4, 6-2.

SECOND ROUND: M. Navratilova (USA) to S. Golea (YUG) 7-6, 7-6.

John McEnroe has entered the Italian Open men's tournament, beginning in Rome next week, the organizers said yesterday. The world's former No 1 player will be granted one of five wild card entries in the draw. It will be the first time that McEnroe has played on the slow red clay courts of Rome's Foro Italico.

The Grand Prix supervisor at the tournament, Ken Farrar, said that Laverie, a Mexican Davis Cup player, violated the Men's International Professional Tennis Council code of conduct and that he would be fined an undetermined amount for withdrawing late.

The opening day of the Tournament of Champions on Monday was washed out by rain.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

By Keith Macklin

given to the incident on television and in the newspapers. Murphy stated in after-match interviews that St Helens were robbed by the referee's decision and when the team coach returned for the public reception on Sunday he told St Helens supporters outside the town hall: "We can't do anything about the man in the middle."

Another important discussion at today's meeting in Leeds will centre around the proposed new club at Wigan Athletic's football ground, Springfield Park, next season.

St Helens have further problems following Saturday's Cup final as they prepare to lift

### Shaw again in dominant frame of mind

Stephen Shaw, the British No. 5, swept through his opening match in the H-Tec hardcourt tournament at Bournemouth yesterday.

The powerfully built North Londoner, aged 24, followed up his victory in the Sutton final last Saturday by beating Yorkshire's Stephen Herron 6-3, 6-3 in 66 minutes. His dominant performance was evidence of his eagerness to regain his Davis Cup place.

He had an early problem when Herron, who came through the qualifying competition, broke service in the first game and went on to lead 2-0. However, Shaw then stamped his authority on the match by taking eight of the next nine games.

Another Englishman to win comfortably was Jason Goodall, of Yorkshire. He beat the Welshman, Darren Roberts, 6-3, 6-1.

The favourite for the title in this tournament in a series of four is Simon Youl, of Australia. He, too, had an easy opening day, winning 6-3, 6-1.

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## FOOTBALL: WILLIAMS ON THE CARPET FOR BRINGING THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE



Dennis hopes his new Queen's Park Rangers job means he can start with a clean slate

## Fans shout down Wimbledon move

Wimbledon's supporters would turn their back on the club if it moved elsewhere in London. Replies to a questionnaire issued by the Wimbledon Action Group (SWAG) show that 96 per cent of the support would stop watching the team if they moved to Selhurst Park or another stadium in a more densely populated part of the capital.

The supporters say that a move would mean that the club would lose its identity and therefore appeal. The findings undermine the belief of Sam Hamman, the club's millionaire owner, that a move would boost attendances.

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## Dennis hoping the FA will forgive his transgressions

Mark Dennis wants to wipe the slate clean today when he answers his third Football Association disrepute charge of the season. The controversial defender, now with Queen's Park Rangers after his Southampton career turned sour, will be represented by the players' union secretary, Gordon Taylor.

"I'm hoping the FA will accept that Southampton is in the past and that Mark should have an opportunity to make a fresh start with his new club," Taylor, who first talks on behalf of Steve Williams, said.

Millions of television viewers saw Williams, the Arsenal midfielder, confront the Watford manager, Graham Taylor, after a sixth round FA Cup defeat at Highbury. Taylor said the midfielder player had called him a "cheat", but the FA did not act until Williams admitted it in print a fortnight later.

It is the first time Williams has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute. But Taylor, his former team colleague at the Dell, was fined £250 and warned about his future conduct following an incident at Norwich in August and also after a newspaper article on Peter Shilton.

After that Dennis was suspended for seven days by Southampton and had a clause inserted in his contract forbidding him from talking to the media. Dennis later publicly criticized the manager, Chris Nicholl, an action which saw his contract terminated and led to today's hearing.

The player successfully contested his firing, and shortly after his reinstatement joined Queen's Park Rangers for a contract of £60,000. Dennis, like Williams, will claim that he was misrepresented in the newspaper and that certain comments had been taken out of context.

Terry Curran appeals against the termination of his contract by Sunderland at a separate hearing at Sheffield today.

Blackburn Rovers are to release the Northern Ireland international, Noel Brotherton, their long-serving defender, Jim Brannigan, and the former Scotland forward, Paul McKinnon, at the end of the season. But the central defender, Glenn Keeley, the left back, Mickey Ratibone, and the winger, Ian Miller, will all be offered new terms when their contracts expire in the summer.

## Bournemouth still have ambitions

Having achieved promotion to the second division for the first time in their history by winning 3-1 at Fulham on Monday, Bournemouth are now aiming to win the third division championship by beating Rotherham United at home on Saturday. If they do so they will set a new points record for the division of 97, one more than Oxford United's total three years ago.

Yet Bournemouth's ambition does not end there. Their chairman, the former Transatlantic yachtsman, Rodney Barton, has already planned a new 15,000-capacity stadium with a sports hall and an all-weather pitch. He hopes that planning permission for the stadium will be granted later this month.

"We desperately need a new stadium because our old ground is just so far out of date. We need to spend thousands to bring it up to standard and we then still just have a football club and nothing for the community," Barton said.

A new stadium would have the capacity to provide additional revenue for the club. Barton hopes that it could provide headquarters for the English Hockey Association and be used for outdoor concerts by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Barton has wrought a revolution in the three years since his civil engineering company, Machar, took over Bournemouth.

Tier's ideas are already paying off. Bournemouth now lease six houses every season for language courses and throw in two hours' coaching each afternoon to raise "a handsome sum." They sell lottery tickets round the hotels to cash in on summer visitors, and receive £2,000 from the Northern Ireland tour to the resort on their travels round the League.

They even host a Saturday morning radio show which has helped increase interest in a club which started off this season with gates under 3,000 and now expects to attract a capacity 12,000 for the Rotherham game.

Curiously, after the arrival of Tiller and Rednapp, Bournemouth's revival really began with the departure of their best player, the Northern Ireland international forward, Colin Clarke. Last summer Southampton paid £400,000 for him and that money was used by Rednapp to finance the rebuilding of the team.

## MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

TODAY LEAGUE: First division: Leicester 1, Doncaster 1; Second division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Third division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

IRISH LEAGUE: First division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Second division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Third division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

NEW GROUP UNITED COUNTRIES LEAGUE: First division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Second division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Third division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Second division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Third division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

MACAR LEAGUE: First division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Second division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Third division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

ON VARDHALL CONFERENCE: North: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; South: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Second division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0; Third division: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

BEDEFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Final: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Final: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Final: Doncaster 1, Mansfield 0.

## Murphy may face disrepute action

Alex Murphy, the St Helens coach, may still face disciplinary action by the Rugby League, despite the fact that Saturday's Wembley referee, John Holdsworth, appeared to be prepared to forget the after-match altercation between himself and Murphy.

The League's management committee meets today and action will be considered against Murphy for bringing the game into disrepute. Although Holdsworth has said he is prepared to overlook Murphy's explosive comments on the grounds that they were "delivered in the heat of the moment," members of the committee are concerned at the wide publicity



# TELEVISION AND RADIO

## Painting without the paint



David Hockney: the painter extols the virtues of new technology in *Painting with Light* (BBC2, 8.15pm)

In *Painting with Light* (BBC2, 8.15pm) famous artists are let loose on an electronic "paintbox" which enables them to create images directly on the television screen. First to try it is David Hockney, who wears a splendid white cap and admits dismally: "I don't really know what I am doing". But he doodles away none the less and since nine hours of actual creation are edited down to 45 minutes we can soon see the results - a vivid abstract, a portrait of Francis Bacon that turns into someone else, an artist's studio with a house poised to eat a bowl of flowers. Hockney's main observation that whereas on paper three colours laid on top of each other produce only the effect of mud, with the electronic system colours can be directly sub-

stituted. Indeed, the whole picture can be endlessly reworked. But is it art? The awful thought occurs that one day the computer will be programmed to take over the entire job, leaving the Hockneys of the world redundant.

Pull a tin of tuna fish off the supermarket shelf and the odds are that the contents will have come from the waters of the Solomon Islands in the south-west Pacific. As *Only One Earth* (BBC2, 7.45pm) reveals, tuna is the Solomon's economic lifeline, under threat from the illegal incursion of huge American trawlers who can catch in an hour what a local boat catches in a month.

### CHOICE

Peter Waymark



Puccini (left) and Toscanini who conducted the unfinished opera *Turandot*: Evviva Puccini! (on Radio 4, 4.05pm)

Peter Davalle writes: Evviva Puccini! (Radio 4, 4.05), the second half of Michael Oliver's life of the opera giant, *The Immortal Bohemian*, which won the 1987 Sony Radio Award for best classical music programme, is as brilliantly impressionistic as last week's part one. And as emotionally draining, for not only does it take in the cat-and-dog marital row over the servant girl who finally poisoned herself but Puccini's death before he could complete *Turandot* - a dramatic leave-taking which resulted in Toscanini's celebrated "Here, the master laid down his pen" address to the first-night audience at La Scala. The way Evviva Puccini! director John Powell uses under-laid music gave me goose-pimples.

### BBC1

- 6.00 *Cee-fax AM*, 6.55 *Weather*.
- 7.00 *Breakfast Time*. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.45, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25, 8.55 Regional news and weather.
- 9.00 *News* and weather 9.05 *Day to Day*. Presented by Robert Kilroy-Silk. 9.45 *Advice Shop*. How to ensure that the welfare of children is safeguarded during divorce proceedings.
- 10.00 *News* and weather 10.05 *Neighbours* (r) 10.25 *Children's BBC*, 10.30 *Play School* presented by Jane Hardy 10.50 *Paddington* (r).
- 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Shirley Dixon with a thought for the day 11.00 *News* and weather 11.05 *The Woodbridge View*. Ian Woodbridge investigates the behind-the-scenes activity in the lead-up to the Trooping of the Colour. (r)
- 12.00 *News* and weather 12.05 *Open Air*, 12.55 *Regional news* and weather.
- 1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Marilyn Lewis. Weather, 1.25 *Neighbours*. Jim and Helen clash. 1.50 *Pie in the Sky* (r).
- 2.05 *1915*. Episode two of the three-part drama serial about how the First World War intruded upon a small Australian community. (r)
- 3.50 *Caterpillar Trail*. Stuart Bradley meets children who are doing a survey of Birmingham streams 4.10 *Ulysses 31*. Cartoon series. (r) 4.35 *Take Two* presented by Philip Schofield. The guest is Chris Packham.
- 5.00 *John Craven's Newsworld* 5.10 *The Eye of the Dragon*. Episode one of a new five part adventure serial following

### BBC2

- 6.55 *Open University*: Chancellor's School. Ends at 7.25. 9.00 *Cee-fax*.
- 10.00 *Daytime on Two* for four- and five-year olds 10.15 *Science* (twice) and *wood* 10.30 *The routes taken by the first canal*, first railway line, and first motorway, across the Pennines 11.00 *Words and pictures* 11.17 *Information technology in everyday life*. 11.40 *Cee-fax* 12.50 *An apprentice jockey* prepares for a race day in Marseilles 1.05 *Cee-fax* 1.30 *A documentary* about eskimos, adapted for the young hearing impaired 2.00 *News* and weather 2.02 *Thinkabout* 2.15 *The world of Islam*.
- 2.35 *Cee-fax*.
- 3.00 *News* and weather. 3.05 *Antiques Roadshow* from Southampton. (r) (Cee-fax)
- 3.45 *The Amen Corner*. Joan Bakewell reviews the all-black production of James Baldwin's play, set in a gospel church.
- 4.00 *News*, regional news, and weather.
- 4.10 *The Animals Roadshow*. (r) (Cee-fax)
- 4.45 *Around With Allis*. Norman Wisdom partners Peter Alliss in a round of golf at Old Thorns Golf and Country Club, Liphook, Hampshire. (r)
- 5.15 *The Water Margin*. Adventures of a gang of outlaws living on their wits in the marshy lands of Liang Shan Po. (r)
- 6.00 *The Prisoner of Zenda* (1952) starring Stewart Granger, James Mason, and Deborah Kerr. The third cinematic version of the Englishman who becomes involved in a plot against the Rumanian throne. Directed by Richard Thorpe.
- 7.35 *Cartoon*.
- 7.45 *Only One Earth*. This first of a new series by Global Report features Dudley Tapala, a Solomon Islands fisherman. (see Choice)
- 8.15 *Painting With Light*. (see Choice)
- 9.00 *M\*A\*S\*H*. Hawkeye's morale rises at the thought of giving Hotlips a medical. (r)
- 9.25 *Have His Carcass*. The fourth and final episode of the Dorothy L. Sayers mystery. (Cee-fax)
- 10.20 *Secret Society: A Power in the Land*. Duncan Campbell investigates the power wielded by the Association of Chief Police Officers.
- 10.50 *A Party Political* Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
- 10.55 *Newsworld* includes a report on the opening day of the trial of Klaus Barbie 11.40 *Weather*.
- 11.45 *Open University*: Air Pollution. Conservative and Labour 12.10 *An Exam for Reasons*. Ends at 12.40.

### ITV/LONDON

- 6.15 *TV-am* introduced by Caroline Rughton and Richard Gyles. Weather at 6.28 and 6.55; news at 6.30; financial news at 6.45 and 6.55.
- 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; After Nine includes guest, Angela Rumbold; MP and advice on removing facial hair.
- 9.25 *News* headlines.
- 9.30 *Schools*: an exploration of happiness 9.40 *How switches* can be used to transmit messages 9.50 *Junior maths*: circles 10.10 *Birds that live on city skyscrapers* 10.30 *Part two of the story*. 10.40 *Religious education* 11.20 *Under a street* 11.30 *French magazine programme*.
- 12.00 *The Giddy Game Show*. (r) 12.10 *Allo! Allo!*
- 12.30 *In the Same Boat*. Kay Avila talks to three families who came to live in London, alone, at the age of 10. Beryl Bainbridge; Nicholas Lockay, who came in 1970; and Simone Veriato, who arrived a decade later.
- 1.00 *News* at One with Leonard Parkin includes a report from Uganda, the second of four on the AIDS crisis in Africa. 1.20 *Thames news*.
- 1.30 *A Country Practice*. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian township 2.30 *Farmhouse Kitchen*. Fish in summer 3.00 *Take the High Road* 3.35 *Thames news* headlines 3.50 *Sons and Daughters*. Australian family drama serial.
- 4.00 *Creepy Crawlies*. Paul Nicholas reads the story of *World and Wool* 4.10 *Dennis*. Cartoon series 4.20

### CHANNEL 4

- 2.20 *Their Lordships' House*. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.
- 2.35 *Film*: *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* (1947) starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison. Romantic comedy about a young widow who moves to a coastal cottage which is haunted by a previous owner, a gruff sea captain, with whom she falls in love. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz.
- 4.30 *Countdown*. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by John Bird, a drama student.
- 5.00 *News*. Part three of the adventure serial, based on the story of the lives of George and Joy Adamson, and the lioness Elsa. In this episode, Elsa cares for the cubs of a lioness who has been accidentally shot, while George sedates her and takes her in for treatment. Starring Gary Collins and Diana Muldrour.
- 6.00 *Mother and Son*. Australian sitcom about a middle-aged divorcee who returns home to live with his aged by alert mother. Starring Ruth Cracknell and Garry McDonald.
- 6.30 *The Making of Britain*. Dr Foster, Reader in History at Birkbeck College, argues that during the 19th century the attempt to integrate Ireland into full union with Britain not only sent Ireland into decline but was the cause of the collapse of the union itself.
- 7.00 *Channel 4 News* with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.
- 7.50 *Comment* followed by *Weather*.
- 8.00 *The Victorian House*. Part three of the series examines the interior decorations, and how the building functioned as a house and a home. (Oracle)
- 8.30 *Diverse Reports*. Stephen Gardner reports from Oldham and London, and questions the Housing Minister, on how far council house privatization should go.
- 9.00 *Hold the Dream*. The second and final part of Barbara Taylor Bradford's drama sequel to *A Woman of Substance*.
- 10.55 *Voices*. In this first of a new series, *Voices* for or against? is discussed by, amongst others, George Steiner and Bruno Bettelheim.
- 11.50 *Film*: *Intensive Care* (1986) starring Dermot Walsh as a struck-off surgeon who agrees to change the face of a bank robber on the run. Directed by Richard Martin.
- 12.30 *Their Lordships' House*. Ends at 12.35.

### VARIATIONS

- BBC1** *Wales* 5.30pm-6.00 *Wales Today*, 6.35-7.00 *Don't Break Your Heart*, 7.10-7.25 *Wales Today*, 7.30-7.45 *The Cuck in Concert*, 7.50-8.00 *Wales Today*, 8.05-8.15 *Wales Today*, 8.20-8.30 *Wales Today*, 8.35-8.45 *Wales Today*, 8.50-9.00 *Wales Today*, 9.05-9.15 *Wales Today*, 9.20-9.30 *Wales Today*, 9.35-9.45 *Wales Today*, 9.50-10.00 *Wales Today*, 10.05-10.15 *Wales Today*, 10.20-10.30 *Wales Today*, 10.35-10.45 *Wales Today*, 10.50-11.00 *Wales Today*, 11.05-11.15 *Wales Today*, 11.20-11.30 *Wales Today*, 11.35-11.45 *Wales Today*, 11.50-12.00 *Wales Today*, 12.05-12.15 *Wales Today*, 12.20-12.30 *Wales Today*, 12.35-12.45 *Wales Today*, 12.50-1.00 *Wales Today*, 1.05-1.15 *Wales Today*, 1.20-1.30 *Wales Today*, 1.35-1.45 *Wales Today*, 1.50-2.00 *Wales Today*, 2.05-2.15 *Wales Today*, 2.20-2.30 *Wales Today*, 2.35-2.45 *Wales Today*, 2.50-3.00 *Wales Today*, 3.05-3.15 *Wales Today*, 3.20-3.30 *Wales Today*, 3.35-3.45 *Wales Today*, 3.50-4.00 *Wales Today*, 4.05-4.15 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# Everton to fight off big-money lure for Kendall

By Ian Ross

Philip Carter, the chairman of Everton, the new League champions, last night expressed his determination to keep Howard Kendall at the club. This could mean Kendall becoming the highest-paid manager in Britain.

Kendall, whose team secured the championship at Norwich City on Monday for the second time in three years, has long been admired abroad and has been linked in the last 12 months with Barcelona, Real Madrid and Juventus. Carter is hopeful that he will be able to keep Kendall at Goodison Park.

"It is our intention to keep hold of him," he said. "We will fight tooth and nail if anyone does try to lure him away to the Continent. We have received no approaches from any other club. If and when an approach is made it would be my intention and that of Everton Football Club to retain Howard's services."

Carter, who stood by Kendall when supporters were calling for his dismissal just over three years ago, hinted that talks about an extension to the manager's contract could be held this summer.

"Howard has quite a way to go before his current contract is up but if we both feel there is something to talk about in the summer, something to discuss, then we will do so," he said. "I do not think that now is the time to bring up contractual matters because, after all, we have just won the championship." Carter was swift to pay his own tribute to Kendall in the wake of Monday's triumph: "Since Christmas of 1983 the performances of this club have been as good as any other side in the country. Howard has done a remarkable job. One of his

## Everton's record under Howard Kendall

Kendall succeeded Gordon Lee as Everton manager on May 8, 1981.

1981-82: League: 8th. FA Cup: 3rd round (lost 2-1 at West Ham Utd). League Cup: 4th round (lost 3-2 at Ipswich Town).

1982-83: League: 7th. FA Cup: 6th round (lost 1-0 at Man Utd). League Cup: 3rd round (lost 3-0 at Arsenal in a replay).

1983-84: League: 7th. FA Cup: Winners (vs Watford 2-0). League Cup: runners-up (lost 1-0 to Liverpool). FA Cup: runners-up (lost 3-1 to Liverpool). FA Cup: runners-up (lost 1-2 at home to Chelsea). Charity Shield: Winners (vs Liverpool 1-0).

1984-85: League: Champions. FA Cup: runners-up (lost 3-1 to Liverpool). League Cup: 4th round (lost at home 0-1 to Grimsby Town). European Cup: Winners (vs Rapid Vienna 3-1). Charity Shield: Winners (vs Liverpool 1-0).

1985-86: League: runners-up to Liverpool. FA Cup: runners-up (lost 3-1 to Liverpool). League Cup: 4th round (lost 1-2 at home to Chelsea). Charity Shield: Winners (vs Man Utd 2-0).

1986-87: League: Champions. FA Cup: 5th round (lost 3-1 at Wimbledon). League Cup: 5th round (lost 0-1 to Liverpool). Charity Shield: Joint holders with Liverpool.

main attributes is his ability to weld together a team and produce consistent results. He has a tremendous gift for man management and that was a quality I saw in him before he was appointed as our manager."

Although Everton will make strenuous efforts to keep him at Goodison Park with a big-money, extended contract, they know all too well that they will be unable to match the enormous salaries available in Italy and Spain, even if they are prepared to breach the club's wage structure.

Kendall's response yesterday to queries about his long-term future with Everton was a predictable "no comment", which will do little to allay the fears that he might be tempted away. After leading Everton to the title in 1985 he was widely tipped to succeed Terry Venables at Barcelona but the deal collapsed after Venables decided to delay his return home and sign a new contract. Real Madrid were linked with Kendall earlier this season and are expected to renew their interest during the summer.

Kendall admitted that he felt this season's success overshadowed the club's last championship win two years

ago. "Taking everything into consideration, I believe it to be a far greater achievement," he said. "Despite having to start the campaign without five full internationals, we were the last First Division side to be beaten in the League."

Kendall confessed that only once during the past three months did he feel his side were in danger of failing to overhaul their neighbours, Liverpool.

"The only time when I felt the pressure to be really on was five or six weeks ago when we were nine points adrift of Liverpool. I think we all realized that to slip further behind would have proved fatal. Had we lost more ground at that stage I think we would have blown it."

"It has been another memorable achievement, especially when you bear in mind that I have used 23 players over the past nine months. All 23 have contributed greatly to our achievement and if some are a little short of the number of games required we will try to see they have a medal."

There is no rule stipulating the number of games necessary to qualify for a League winners' medal but the generally accepted figure is 14.

# Happy ghosts haunt Ullevi

From Stuart Jones  
Football Correspondent  
Göteborg

A capacity crowd is expected at the Ullevi stadium here tonight when Dundee United meet Göteborg in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final. It was here that a Scottish club last won a European trophy. Aberdeen won the Cup Winners' Cup by beating Real Madrid after extra time four years ago.

But United, in their attempt to become the first Scottish team to collect arguably the most difficult of the three continental trophies, are facing the unknown. Jim McLean's side has started each of their previous five ties in the comfort of their own home.

Tamade Park may be comparatively a tin shack but it represents an iron stronghold. United, yet to concede a goal against a foreign foe there this season, have grown accustomed to travelling with an advantage, however slight, and in the knowledge that they are most effective on the counter attack.

McLean points out that United's best performances so far have been away in Barcelona and in Borussia Mönchengladbach. Yet, on both occasions, they could afford to sit back and play a game of patience. But not this time.

Göteborg have claimed at least one away goal in each of their UEFA Cup ties since 1980. Even after being held at home by Inter-Milan in this season's quarter-final, they emphasized their striking abilities by beating their own goalkeeper before breaking down the walls of the Italian fortress.

The return of Malpas, the international full-back who missed the second leg against Borussia because of injury, was therefore welcomed by McLean. Thomson, beaten only three times in 15 hours, will be protected by a rear guard that is at full strength. But United's spearhead has been weakened.

Ferguson, has been suspended after being booked in both legs against the West Germans. As there is no other recognized "target man" in McLean's armoury, Gallacher is expected to come in to partner Struck. Without the leader of their front line, United may not be adequately equipped to penetrate the Swedes' back four.

Yet United have already won the respect of Gunder Bengtsson, Göteborg's manager, who also feels that his side is "going in blind. I've seen them only once and then they were full of reserves."

Bengtsson added: "Dundee United's victory (at Barcelona) shows they can cope with any atmosphere. Their temperament must be good because that is one of the most difficult and hostile places in the world."

## Desperate Burnley demand inquiry

Burnley have demanded a Football League investigation into the Bank holiday defeat at Crewe, which has left their future hanging by a thread.

Former members of the League Burnley, who will lose their League status after 99 years if they fail to win their final match of the season, against Orient at Turf Moor on Saturday, claim the second half at Crewe was nearly three minutes short.

The Stockton-on-Tees referee, Ken Lupton, insists he played the full 45 minutes, but the Burnley director, Clive Holt, timed it at 42 minutes 15 seconds. That figure was backed up by the Press box and the Burnley chairman, Frank Teasdale, said yesterday: "We owe it to our fans to ask for a League inquiry."

Burnley's manager, Brian Miller, added: "Three minutes in football is a lifetime, especially when you are in our position. It could have made all the difference between staying in the League and going out of it."

With automatic promotion-relegation between the League and the Gm Vauxhall Conference, 92nd placed Burnley are favourites to be ousted by Scarborough following the 1-0 defeat at Crewe.

Five clubs are sweating on their League existence, but Rochdale's worries will be over if they beat Stockport County at home. Bottom-but-one club Tranmere Rovers, one of three clubs a point above Burnley, stage their final game against Exeter on Friday night while Rochdale complete their programme at Scunthorpe United and Lincoln go to Swansea. But the issue may not be settled until Saturday night when Torquay United are at home to Crewe.

## McGuigan settlement

By Richard Ford

The split between the former world boxing champion Barry McGuigan and his manager was resolved yesterday after more than six hours of discussions between their lawyers in Northern Ireland's high court.

As the "Clones Cyclone" and his millionaire manager Barry Eastwood happily shook hands after the case they revealed their partnership will continue with the prospect of McGuigan boxing as a junior lightweight for a world title in Belfast later this year.

McGuigan, aged 26, from County Fermanagh had issued an injunction seeking a declaration that his man-



Head on: Struck, of Dundee United, practices for the UEFA Cup final against Göteborg

## Caps for World Cup team as RFU reverse decision

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union have decided to award caps to England's players during the World Cup, thereby reversing their original decision that all members of the squad should receive only the International Board cap which will go to every player in the 16 competing national squads.

Alan Grimsdell, the RFU president, said yesterday that England would adopt the policy which has been reached some months ago by the other home unions: that if a player, during the tournament, represented the national side he would be regarded as having won a cap, in addition to the IB cap.

"It was a personal opinion with which the committee originally agreed," Mr Grimsdell said. "But there were representations from the chairman of selectors and several players and I changed my views." There will be relief from rugby's statisticians that he has done so; the decision is also a victory for common sense, since a match against Australia on a tour must be regarded as highly as one within the context of a World Cup but it would be awkward to "downgrade" other World Cup matches, against Japan or the USA.

"This does not indicate a change where incoming sides are concerned," Mr Grimsdell added, referring to games against countries like Fiji, Japan and the USA who have met an England XV. Indeed this may happen if a proposed tour by South Korea early next season comes to fruition.

South Korea visit Australia this month, though they are not involved in the World Cup; a private initiative has led to the possibility of official approval being given to a first visit to England in the autumn.

Meanwhile, Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth, one of the

RFU's two representatives to the International Board who are organizing the World Cup, has resigned after only a year. "I withdrew for personal reasons," he said yesterday. "My colleagues know that I was reluctant to take on the job in the first place because I didn't think I could meet the commitment required and I am sure I was correct."

It is, however, RFU policy to appoint representatives for six years and it seems possible that Brigadier Shuttleworth, who was president of the RFU last year, has been helped in his decision because he was unhappy with aspects of the IB approval in March for additional tour allowances. Certainly Dr Doug Smith, who was a colleague of Brigadier Shuttleworth's in the Army, expressed his regret yesterday that the board should have lost an able member so swiftly.

Dr Doug Smith, the Scottish Rugby Union president, who was in London for a Rugby Writers Club lunch, agreed with Mr Grimsdell that there was every expectation that the

second World Cup would be based in Britain (and possibly France) in 1991. Mr Grimsdell added that the commercial handling of future tournaments should come from the unions themselves.

He also dismissed suggestions that fences may be erected at Twickenham in the wake of the pitch invasions which brought last Saturday's John Player Special Cup final between Bath and Wasps to a slightly premature conclusion. He did concede, however, that he was Bath to reach next season's Cup final, the committee might consider closing sections of the ground.

"We view this as a one-off incident," he said. "We believe this was just the natural exuberance of the Bath crowd getting the better of them. One answer at the moment might be not to put the time of the match on the Diamond screen." The RFU has discussed crowd control many times in the past but more with a view to preventing damage to the playing surface.

## Dawe makes light of it

Graham Dawe, the Bath hooker, who sustained a rib cartilage injury in Saturday's cup final, is optimistic that he will take his place in England's World Cup squad next week (David Hands writes). Normally such an injury takes two to three weeks to mend but Dawe, a farmer on the Devon-Cornwall border, expects to prove his fitness in time to fly out to Australia.

He is having daily treatment in Plymouth and said yesterday: "It was very painful initially but that's worn off and I'm doing nothing strenuous on the farm." Dawe won three caps this season before being suspended before the Calcutta Cup match.

However Jerome Gallion, the French scrum half from Toulon, has withdrawn from his country's World Cup party. Personal and family reasons take priority.

Gallion's place as reserve to Pierre Berbizier goes to Rodolf Modin, the uncapped Brive player.

Gareth Roberts, the Cardiff flanker who pulled a calf muscle in the Welsh Cup final on Saturday, will be given a fitness test on Saturday, along with other members of the Welsh World Cup party. The injury has improved over the last two days while there are no worries over Mark Ring, the Cardiff centre who bruised ribs in the same game.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Cycle row continues

The dispute over professional team selections for the Milk Race continued yesterday even though the Professional Cycling Association named their riders for the remaining team vacancy. The race, which starts from Newcastle-upon-Tyne on May 17, has places for four British Professional squads: ANC-Halfords, Lycra-Halfords and Percy Bilton have been previously named.

Six riders will make up a team sponsored by R G Chickens, importers of foreign equipment. Out in the cold is the star team from Raleigh, whose sponsorship of racing cyclists goes back more than 50 years. Last night, however, the rally team manager, George Shaw, continued to insist that he felt a place should be made available for his riders.

### Steady leader

Oviedo (AP) - Carlos Hernandez, of Spain, won the twelfth leg of the Tour of Spain cycling race yesterday. Sean Kelly, of Ireland, finished in the pack but retained the second position in the overall standings.

### Anderson fit

Sydney (Reuters) - The Australian cyclist, Phil Anderson, who has finished in the top 10 in five of the last six Tours de France, has recovered from a rare form of arthritis that caused him to miss most of last season. Anderson, aged 29, said that he was fit enough to win the Tour of Italy this month.

### Stieda leads

Alex Stieda, of Canada, who won the yellow jersey in the Tour de France last year, will lead a powerful American team in the first Kellogg's Tour of Britain cycle race, from August 12 to 16. Stieda's squad is the first to be nominated for the five-day race from Edinburgh to Westminster.

### Front-runners

Two South Africans, John Martin and Bertie Reed, were setting the pace in the closing stages of the BOC single-handed round-the-world yacht race yesterday. However, with just 52 miles separating first from sixth, the vital stage from Rio to Newport remains anyone's race (Barry Pickthall writes). Martin's 60-foot Tuna Marine was northeast of Bermuda yesterday morning, 488 miles from the finish and 27 ahead of Reed.

### Settlement

Stockholm (Reuters) - A Swedish court yesterday ordered the European heavyweight boxing champion, Anders Eklund, to pay his former trainer, Hakan Kilstrom, the equivalent of £1,970 to settle a dispute over training fees.

### Hardy bout

Billy Hardy, the British bantamweight boxing champion, will take part in a 10-round bout in Sunderland, his home town, on June 4. Hardy, who must defend his title for the first time against John Hyland, of Liverpool, in the autumn, will meet Brian Holmes, of Greenock.

## END COLUMN

# Anxiety over fairway demon

By Mitchell Phillips  
Golf Correspondent

Let us get one thing straight from the start. Severiano Ballesteros is, in my opinion, the finest golfer in the world. Greg Norman might have risen to No. 1, according to the Sony world rankings, but, as much as I admire the Australian, there is not the same sparkle, or pure invention, present in his game as there is in a Ballesteros at full cry.

The trouble is that the demon would appear to be in Ballesteros. His obsession for winning would now appear to outweigh that youthful exuberance which he initially brought to the game. He is now in danger of losing the public appeal which he so richly earned in his early days.

Talk of Ballesteros and, quite astonishingly, of no longer relying on the handsome Latin with his gold American Express card and million dollar smile, but around his diminishing public appeal. He scowls the fairways, the flicker of a smile as rare as a glimpse of Halley's Comet, and, as seen from the US Masters by a nation of armchair viewers, he gives the impression that success should be his of right.

If there is increasing concern over Ballesteros' image in the front room then there is more anxiety in the boardrooms of the companies which annually pour their financial support into the PGA European Tour.

The latest news is that Ballesteros will not defend the Carrolls Irish Open and that he is unlikely to defend the Dunhill British Masters. It is a shattering blow for the Flanagan, of Carrolls, as he will retire following the tournament next month. It is no exaggeration to express the concern that European golf felt for Flanagan when, during the US Masters, he learned that Ballesteros, winner of the Carrolls for the last two seasons, would not be attempting the treble in Dublin.

In one respect Flanagan is fortunate. He is retiring. The concern within the Dunhill organisation heightened during yesterday as the news filtered through that there was a problem with regard to Ballesteros competing in their tournament at Woburn next month.

As I understand it, Ballesteros has not put pen to a contract. Brian Roach, public relations manager for Dunhill, said: "As the defending champion, we are still anticipating that Dave will play."

Roach, however, went on to dine last night in the knowledge that, on returning to the office this morning, there might be an obstacle to overcome.

Roach takes the view - and in a trustworthy world of sport it would be reasonable - that it is a tradition for champions to defend their titles. What is more, it has been publicly announced that Ballesteros would be at Woburn. There will be some red faces if that turns out not to be the case.

Yet the overriding fact is that one man is causing the headache. Ballesteros, like most Montanese, the inhabitants of the area of Northern Spain which surrounds the port of Santander, is a complex person, who is ever suspicious of others. The problem is that he is now creating a situation where others will need to be ever suspicious of him. Even those close to Ballesteros have expressed in recent weeks a concern at the lack of enjoyment which the Spaniard is deriving from the game.

Lee Trevino suggested long ago that Ballesteros, in time, would face a crisis brought about by self-inflicted punishment. Trevino insisted that Ballesteros, through placing too much of a demand on himself to succeed, could drive himself crazy. The fact is that Ballesteros has not won a major championship since the Open at St Andrew's in 1984 and the frustration which that has caused would appear to be obscuring his outlook.

He is back in the country this week, teeing up in the Epson Grand Prix at Chertsey on Friday, although he did appear at Manganese Heath, Surrey, on Monday. There, he entered into good humoured banter with Kenny Lynch, the captain of the Variety Club of Great Britain Golfing Society, as the British Caledonian-La Manga Pro-Celebrity event raised £150,000. What Ballesteros missed at the dinner last evening was an emotive speech from John Hayward, the tournament co-ordinator, who expounded the philosophy: "If you're not having fun, then you're not doing it right."

## Lloyds Bank Access Reduction in Interest Rate

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